

Jack was born October 10, 1953 to Alfred and Betty Vaira in Sidney, MT. Alfred was so proud that he paid for the birth of his son with silver dollars.

Jack attended East Fairview for first grade and then West Fairview throughout high school, graduating in 1971. He attended Vo-Tech in Helena, MT and then worked at Haugen Auto in Sidney for a time. He then joined his father on the family farm west of Fairview and north of Lambert.

Jack and Debbie were high school sweethearts and were married on May 31, 1975. They made their home on the family farm. While on the farm they grew their family of 5 children, Sabrina, Celeste, Elizabeth, Jacqueline, and Ryan. In 1995 they stopped farming and purchased the Hotel Albert in Fairview, MT which they have run since. Jack opened the Gold Rush Casino & Liquor Store in 2013 with the guidance and mentoring of Clint Lohman.

Jack was always on the move, and always made up a name for where he lived. Currently his home was FairBertillingend...aka Fairview, Lambert, Billings, and Townsend where he had property on Canyon Ferry. Jack always said he lived where he landed.

Jack passed away suddenly in the early morning hours, Tuesday, September 20, 2016, at St. Vincent's Healthcare, Billings, MT.

He leaves behind: his wife, Debbie of 41 years; his children Sabrina, children Tyson, Maizie, and Rory, Celeste and children Cambree and Landon, Elizabeth (Karsten) and Jovie, Jackie (Josh) children Sam and Micah, and Ryan and his wife Shanda; his Aunt, Dolly, Uncle Swede; cousin Sherry; and numerous cousins. He will be missed.

He is preceded in death by his parents Alfred and Betty Vaira.

He had a love for everyone he met and always had a greeting, a handshake or a joke. He loved his family and did everything to make sure they would have a better life. We will miss Jack Vaira - the man, the myth, and the legend; a nickname he willingly gave himself after a fun filled day at the lake. Until we meet again.

*In Memory Of*

*Jack DaWayne Vaira*

October 10, 1953

September 20, 2016





**Edgar A. Guest:**

*I'd rather see a sermon,  
then hear one, any day;  
I'd rather one would walk  
with me than merely tell the way.  
The eyes a better pupil and  
more willing than the ear.  
Fine counsel is confusing, but  
examples always clear.  
And the best of all the preachers  
are the men who live their creeds.  
For to see good put in action  
is what everyone needs.*

*Jack DaWayne Vaira*

**Born**

*October 10, 1953 Sidney, MT*

**Died**

*September 20, 2016 Billings, MT*

**Funeral Services**

*11:00 A.M., Tuesday, September 27, 2016*

*Zion Lutheran Church*

*Fairoview, Montana*

**Officiating**

*Pastor Roberta Pierce*

**Music**

*Shanwa Bergenheier*

**Casketbearers:**

*David Vaira*

*Pat Vaira*

*Tim Vaira*

*Kelly Vaira*

*Shane Vaira*

*Shane Seader*

**Honorary Casketbearers**

*Rick "Smokey" Fehrs Bob Skates*

*Paul Vaira Eddie Vaira Guido Vaira*

*Leon "Swede" Schlenz*

**Ushers**

*Dale Sponheim Tommy Verhasselt*

**Interment**

*Cremation*

**Lunch** will be served in the church  
basement following services

*You may share your remembrances, condolences, and pictures  
with the family at the Fulkerson-Sorenson Funeral Home  
Website: [www.fulkersons.com](http://www.fulkersons.com)*