

Tony was born on a beautiful Easter morning, April 5, 1953 to parents, Arnold and Adeline (Hansen) Dige of Sidney. He was the third child born in a farm family that eventually grew to six children. Tony attended local schools and upon graduation in 1972, joined the U.S. Navy. After having served in the Pacific, with memorable visits to Japan and New Zealand, he was honorably discharged in 1976. Tony went on to attend Hennepin Vo-Tech School in Bloomington, MN, earning his Boiler's License.

Tony returned to Sidney and served as the delivery driver for the Sidney Cleaners and later the Sidney Herald. He always had a joke to share at each stop on his route, winning life-long friendships. Tony was also involved on the family's sugar beet farm, driving truck at harvest.

Tony was an avid reader and had incredible memory recall. From a young age, he excelled at games of strategy such as chess, checkers and family favorite, Twixt. He taught his siblings the finer points of these games but he won nearly every match. Tony especially looked forward to attending Dige family reunions where he could visit with more than one hundred extended family members, enjoy favorite Danish foods and win the chess title in the "Dige Olympics".

For much of his adulthood, Tony suffered from bipolar disorder, a mental health condition. The Richland County Mental Health staff and clients became a second family for him, providing care, meals and support for many years for which we are grateful. The Dige family is most appreciative of the support and friendship given by Mrs. Nancy Trudell.

His family and friends are comforted by the fact that Tony knew his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and he is now made perfect in Heaven. Tony passed away unexpectedly at home on Friday, October 6, 2017, from an apparent heart attack.

Tony is survived by: his parents, Arnold and Adeline; his brother, Russell (Janice) Dige, Sidney, MT; sisters, Lynn Stegmaier, Northfield, MN, Pat (Dale) Powell, Scranton, ND, Marilyn (Steve) Pust, Savage, MT and Becky (Dave) Reidle, Sidney, MT; nieces and nephews, Shirley Turner, Paul and Amanda Dige, Jan, Robyn and Katie Stegmaier, Christy, Mark and Jonathan Powell, Trevor and Erick Pust, Shelby and Shanyn Reidle.

Tony was preceded in death by: his grandparents, Otto and Emma Dige, Frederick and Johanna Hansen; and brother-in-law, Robert Stegmaier.



In Loving Memory Of

Anthony Gerrald Dige
"Tony"

April 5, 1953

October 11, 2017

Father We Entrust Our Brother
Father we entrust our brother to your mercy.

You loved him greatly in this life:
now that he is freed from all its cares,
give him happiness and peace forever.
Welcome him now into paradise where
there will be no more sorrow, no more
weeping or pain, but only peace and joy
with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit
forever and ever.

Carried by the Wind

A uniqueness that could only come
from a Creator's touch,
A life lived with simplicity
of purpose and unyielding strength,
From moment to moment,
All of life's needs were met
with a peace
that surpasses all understanding,
And now to the heavens,
A life rises up like a leaf carried by the wind.

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"Tony"

Born

April 5, 1953 Sidney, MT

Died

October 11, 2017 Sidney, MT

Memorial Services

2:00 PM, Monday, October 30, 2017

Pella Lutheran Church

Sidney, Montana

Officiating

Pastor Joel Westby

Music

Diane Beirwagen

Honorary Casketbearers

*Richland County Mental Health
staff and clients, All of Tony's
nieces, nephews, and Nancy Trudell*

Ushers

David Reidle Dale Powell

Interment

Sidney Cemetery

Sidney, Montana

**Lunch will be served in the church
fellowship hall following services**

*You may share your remembrances,
condolences, and pictures with the family at the
Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home
Website: www.fulkersons.com*