## I Am A Lineman

I have been where you fear to be, I have seen what you fear to see, I have done what you fear to do, All these things I have done for you.

I am the person you depend upon, The one you cast your scorn upon, The one you bring your problems to, All through the storm I'm there for you.

The one you ask to stand apart, The one you ask to light the dark, The one you call to light your way, But I'm just a person, I work, I play.

And through the years I've come to see How much you've grown to depend on me, So take these tools that I use, Will anyone fill my shoes?

And when you watch a friend die, And when his wife and children cry, Then do you think that you can be All the things you ask of me?



## In Loving Memory Of Donald "Donnie" Bonner

Born to Emma (Scheetz) and Donald Bonner January 3, 1950 ~ Sidney, Montana

> Passed Away March 6, 2024 ~ Billings, Montana

Memorial Services Friday, March 15, 2024 at 11:00 am Fulkerson Stevenson Memorial Chapel ~ Sidney, MT Luncheon to Follow at the Moose Lodge

> Officiating Pastor Steve Anderson

> > Eulogy Joe Sheehan

Military Honors VFW Post 4099 and the U.S. Navy Honor Guard

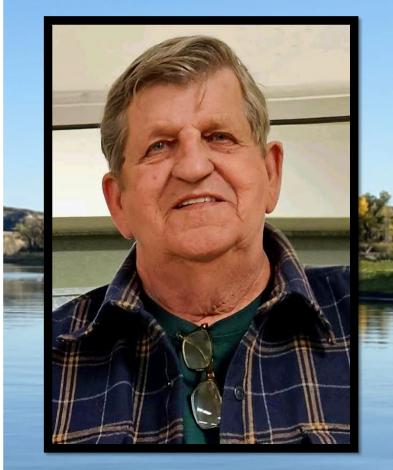
Urnbearers James Elmore Hoss Davis Wayne Knutson Vic Robinson Jason Roberts William Gallemore Ronnie Schmierer

> **Final Resting Place** Sidney Cemetery ~ Sidney, Montana

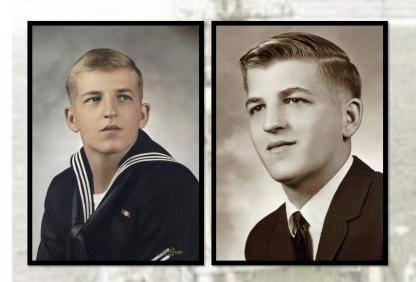
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Donald Dean Bonner, affectionately known as Donnie, was born on January 3, 1950, in Sidney, Montana, and passed away on March 6, 2024, in Billings, Montana.

Donnie graduated from Sidney High School in the Class of 1968. Donnie proudly served in the US Navy, joining on August 5, 1969, and serving as a sailor on the USS Wexford during the Vietnam War.

Throughout his life, Donnie worked in various roles, starting as a bag boy at Reynolds and later finding his passion in the electrical field. He worked for REA as a lineman, started his own business, D & R Trenching, with his brother-in-law Rod Roberts, and later worked for MDU as a lineman and supervisor.





He was known for his dedication to his co-workers and the pride he had in his profession. One of his favorites was the Fort Peck Dam lighting project.

Family was paramount to Donnie. He married Kayrene on December 15, 1973, and together they built a life in Crane, Montana. They welcomed their beautiful daughter Dawn Marie Bonner on July 15th, 1974. Donnie was always ready to lend a helping hand and had a heart of gold, despite his Grumpy Grizzly Bear persona. He was a master chef known as "Donnie Flay," cooking up delicious dishes like fried chicken, "Jordie" mashed potatoes, raspberry kuchen, and lutefisk on holidays.

In his free time, Donnie enjoyed gardening, fishing, and attending Lutefisk feeds with family and friends.

He is survived by his loving wife, Kayrene Bonner Roberts, of Crane, Montana; sisters Corina Segmiller of Laurel, Montana, and Georgene Owen; as well as his brother-in-law Rod and Jackie Roberts of Billings, Montana; Judy Candee of Sidney, Montana; and many nieces and nephews from around the United States.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Dawn Marie Bonner, his parents Donald Frank Bonner and Emma Scheetz Bonner, and his in-laws Jess and Helen Norby Roberts.

Donnie will be dearly missed by all who knew him, but his legacy of love, hard work, and kindness will live on in the hearts of those he touched.

