

Rocky L Karst

Born to Don and Anna Karst

June 6, 1958 ~ Sidney, Montana

Passed Away Surrounded by Family

January 19, 2026 ~ Billings, Montana

Funeral Service

10:00AM, Tuesday, February 3, 2026
Fulkerson Stevenson Memorial Chapel
Sidney, Montana

Luncheon will be served directly after

Officiating

Bill Buckley

Pallbearers

All of Rocky's Family and Friends

Music Selections

"Amazing Grace" by Alan Jackson

"You Raise Me Up" by Josh Groban

"Go Rest High On That Mountain" by Vince Gill

"One Last Breath" by Creed

Arrangements By

Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home
Sidney, Montana



IN MEMORY OF

ROCKY KARST

JUNE 6, 1958 - JANUARY 16, 2026

Rocky was born on June 6, 1958, in Sidney, Montana, to Don Karst and Anna (Payette) Kukus. He was raised in Fairview, Montana, where he attended school and formed many lifelong friendships. At a young age, Rocky met the love of his life, Lynette Valnes. They were married for 25 years raising two children and creating many cherished family memories. Although their marriage did not stand the test of time, they remained friends.

Rocky spent many years working hard and traveling for his career. He worked for several years as a ditch rider for the Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Project, often bringing his children along and turning workdays into special memories. He worked for Neighbors Drilling alongside his close friend Tim Spaabeck. They traveled extensively for work and remained close companions even in their free time, often enjoying barbeque and a cold beer. Rocky spent his final working years at NorthStar.

Rocky deeply loved his late sister, Dawnette, and the two spent countless hours talking and reminiscing about good times. He also shared a strong bond with his sister Beth, who was always there for him and someone he trusted and relied upon. His best friend and fiercest foe was his brother Rusty, no matter what they had each other's back.

A true outdoorsman, Rocky loved fishing, agriculture, and working the land. Whenever he could, he helped Rusty and Don with farming and always made time to grow a beautiful garden. Even after retirement, Rocky stayed busy working outdoors, fixing things, maintaining his yard, and helping his father and brother.

A devoted father, Rocky deeply loved his children, Shawnette and Jordon Karst, and was always willing to help them, no matter the circumstance. He was known as one of the strongest and toughest men many had ever met—a man who never backed down from a challenge. A jack of all trades, Rocky believed in doing things the right way and was always willing to help anyone in need. He was Blessed with many lifelong friends.

Rocky is survived by his father, Don Karst; children, Shawnette Karst and Jordon (Martha) Karst; his grandsons, Aiden Albert, Junior Montgomery, Eric Tikolevu, and Braylon Karst; his brother, Rusty Karst; his sister, Beth (Larry) Mindt; several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and extended family members.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Anna Payette Kukus; stepfather, Arnie Kukus; father-in-law, Larry Valnes; sister, Dawnette Karst Thilquist; grandparents Harry and Dorcus Payette, Ruth and Grandpa Karst.



A storm has passed, the Man takes his rest,
No Longer bound by earthly toil or pain.
He lived his life, the bravest and the best,
Now flowing softly, like the summer rain.

A man of action, spirit, and of light,
Who taught us how to stand and how to be,
He does not dwell in the eternal night,
But in the soil of all that we call free.

Formless and wise,
He bends but does not break,
A silent river, moving to the sea.
So walk on, friend, for your own spirit's sake,
And in your heart, the man lives, forever free.

Love Life, don't waste time,
for time is what life is made up of.

