

Chris Steven Sarles, 76, passed away unexpectedly at his home from a medical event in Ranchester, Wyoming, on October 22, 2026.

A proud Wyoming native through and through, Chris was born in Casper on April 2, 1950. He spent his early childhood in McFadden, attending elementary school there before graduating from Rock River High School in 1968. A gifted athlete, Chris was named First Team All-State in basketball during his senior year. In his youth, he could always be found outdoors—hunting, fishing, and riding trail bikes across the Snowy Range.

After attending Casper College for three years, Chris went to work for his Uncle Bud Hansen in Big Timber, Montana. It was there that he met the love of his life, Cindy Haibeck. The two were married and shared 52 wonderful years of devotion, companionship, and adventure.

Chris and Cindy made their early home in Medicine Bow and Rock River, where Chris worked as an inventory and purchasing warehouse manager for the Rosebud Coal Mine and served his community as an active member of the Rock Creek Volunteer Fire Department. Following his time at the mine, he worked alongside family on the Walking 8 Cattle Company. A true cowboy at heart, Chris loved the ranching life—team roping, working cattle, and caring for his horses and dogs. Rock River gifted them a community of wonderful, steadfast friends that remained close throughout his life.

In 1989, Chris and Cindy moved to Spearfish, South Dakota, where he worked as a purchasing agent for Golden Reward Mining and built lasting connections. In 1996, they relocated to Gillette, Wyoming, where Chris took a role as an inventory purchasing specialist with Terex Mining. Everywhere Chris went, he easily made lifelong friends, and Gillette was no exception.

Following his retirement in 2014, Chris and Cindy spent time in Saratoga Springs, Utah, and Camp Verde, Arizona, before the pull of home brought them back to his beloved Wyoming in 2025 to settle in Ranchester. Retirement was centered around what mattered most: spending time outdoors on camping trips, fishing excursions, and memorable family vacations with his four cherished grandchildren.

Chris was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend. He was immensely proud of his daughters, Heather Westman and Erin Bowers, and adored his grandchildren, Autumn and Lily Westman, and Peyten and Jake Bowers. He also leaves behind his brother, Jeff (Merry) Sarles and their daughters Sally and Molly, his beloved companion Buddy as well as numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and a wide circle of friends who were like family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ted Sarles and Marion and Jim Dobson, as well as many beloved aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Chris will be remembered above all for his generous spirit, the deep love he held for his family and friends, and the gentle care he showed every animal he met over his 76 years. His presence will be deeply missed until we meet again.

In Loving Memory Of

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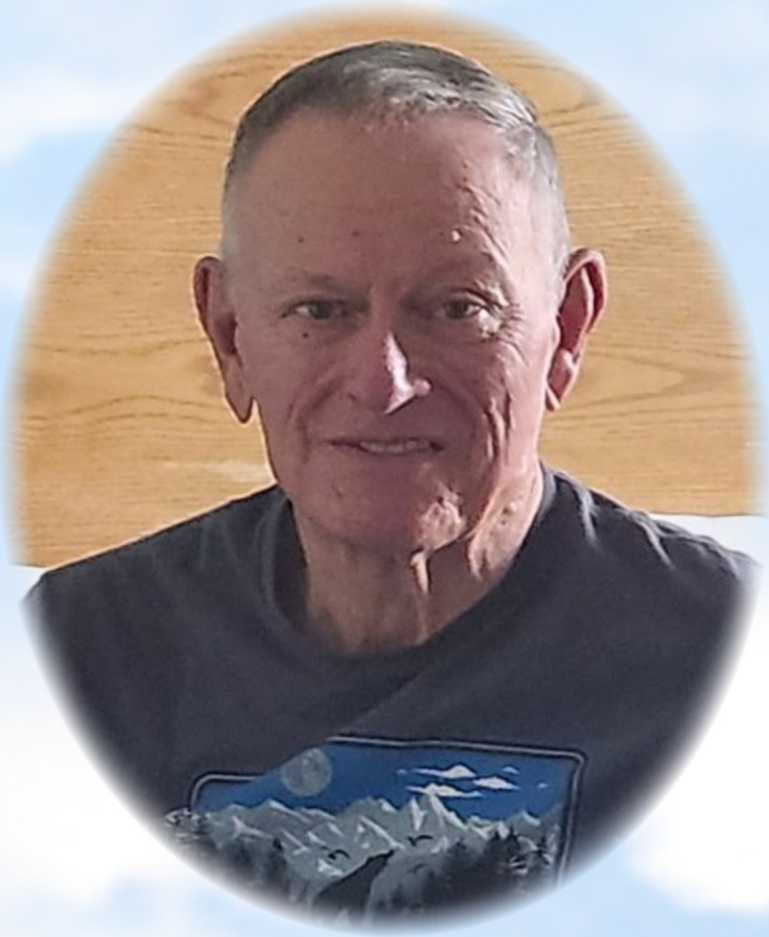

April 2, 1950 - October 22, 2026

Life Well Lived

A life well lived is a precious gift
Of hope and strength and grace,
From someone who has made our world
A brighter, better place

It's filled with moments, sweet and sad
With smiles and sometimes tears,
With friendships formed and good times shared
And laughter through the years.

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Of joy and pride and pleasure,
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CELEBRATION OF LIFE
Wednesday, October 28, 2026 at 10:00 am
St. Edmunds Parish, Ranchester, Wyoming

OFFICIATING
Deacon Joe Kristufek

1st ~ Reading Heather Westman
2nd Reading ~ Erin Sarles

MUSIC
In Christ Alone, Amazing grace
On Eagle's Wings

MUSIC BY
Organist ~ Rosanna Henderson
Soloists ~ Meg Maze & Ann Brown

HONORARY PALLBEARERS
Jeff Sarles, Jake Bowers, Autumn Westman
Lily Westman, Peyten Bowers, Warren Mischke
Kenny Pueringer, Chuck Hull, Chuck Rourke
Gary Melgaard,Kevin Hepp, Mike Irish
Ryan Anderson, Dave Anderson

Inurnment to follow the service in the Dayton Cemetery.