

Funeral Service

2:00 p.m., Friday, June 19, 2026

Gillette Memorial Chapel

Gillette, Wyoming

Officiant

Pastor CJ Ward

Order of Service

Song ~ "Don't Let the Old Man In"

Welcome ~ Pastor CJ Ward

Song ~ "Navajo Rug"

Family Sharing

Eulogy ~ Richard Vancampen

Sharing

Song ~ "The Old Rugged Cross"

Message ~ Pastor CJ Ward

Closing Prayer

Song ~ "Don't Let the Old Man In"

Honorary Casketbearers

All of Charlie's Friends

*The family extends an invitation to a cookie reception
and time of fellowship following the service.*



Rita Mashak Tara Aanonson
Tara Cowger
Funeral Service-Monuments-
Advance Planning-Cremation-
Lending Library, Learning to say
goodbye; children's tour.



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Charles "Charlie" Fahlgren, 63, passed away peacefully on June 15, 2026, at his home in Gillette, Wyoming. He was born March 25, 1963, in Big Timber, Montana, to Claude Fahlgren and Virginia (Harper) Rathkamp; the son of a ranching family, a heritage that would shape every chapter of his life. Charlie grew up in Lodge Grass, Montana, where he graduated from high school before going on to earn a degree in Diesel Mechanics from MSU Northern. True to his roots, he spent formative years working on the Padlock Ranch and later at various mining operations across Nevada and Wyoming. It was at North Antelope Rochelle Mine (NARM) that he met the woman who would become his partner in everything; Gwen Frew. The two were married in Gillette in 2012, and together they built a life defined by hard work, wide open land, and a deep love for one another. Charlie and Gwen shared a passion for raising Black Angus bulls, a pursuit tied closely to his family's Pass Creek Angus Ranch in Wyola, Montana. The herd he cultivated over the years was a source of quiet, genuine pride — a living testament to his patience, skill, and ranching soul. Beyond the ranch, Charlie gave generously of himself to his community. He served as a long-time first responder with the Campbell County Fire Department, and was a dedicated member of the SMET team at NARM; accomplishments he held with great pride. His commitment to 4-H reflected his belief in passing along values of responsibility and integrity to the next generation. Hunting, too, was a beloved constant out in the field, Charlie was always in his element. Eighteen years ago, Charlie was diagnosed with cancer. What followed was a fight that those who loved him will never forget; fierce, determined, and carried with the same whole-hearted resolve he brought to everything in his life. He fought as though winning were the only option. Though cancer ultimately claimed him, it never once diminished who he was. His strength in those years was its own kind of victory. Charlie Fahlgren was many things: a devoted husband, a proud father and grandfather, a tireless worker, and a loyal friend. He had a dry wit that caught you off guard and a laugh that stayed with you. He was, by every account, the kind of man who did nothing halfway; whether he was building a herd, fighting a fire, or fighting for his life. He is survived by his wife, Gwen Fahlgren; his children, David (Sara) Cooley, Scott Fahlgren, and Jessie (Taylor) Fox; stepchildren, Rob (Kara) Young and Hunter Young; and grandchildren Ryder, Ren, Rhett, Rally, Caden, Hailey, Cole, Bailey, Madley, and Aurora. He is also survived by his mother, Virginia Rathkamp; siblings, Jon (Sandy) Wilkerson, Kitty (Tom) Brown, Todd Rathkamp, Kurt Rathkamp and Lisa Rathcamp; and his nieces and nephews, Shannon (Nuco) Leija, Justin (Sharon) Wilkerson, Jennifer (Blaine) Mitchell, Cassie, Kayla, Lacey, and Gage. He was preceded in death by his father, Claude Fahlgren, and his sister, Mickey Fahlgren. Memorials and condolences may be made in Charlie's name to benefit Stillwater Hospice and sent in care of Gillette Memorial Chapel, 210 West 5th Street, Gillette, WY 82716. Condolences may also be expressed online at www.gilletterememorialchapel.com.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF Charlie Edward



Fahlgren

March 25, 1963

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June 15, 2026



A life lived with determination, love,
and a love of the great outdoors.



Forget Me Not

Forget me not, for I am there
In the beat of your heart,
On the wing of your prayer

Continue to strive toward
your goal and be brave,
Know that my love didn't
stop at the grave.

My spirit is with you
through good times and bad.
I share all the joys and
the sorrows you've had.

Feel my presence within
your next breath
And realize there's no
distance in death.

Ask for my help and
I'll answer your call.
Reach for my hand when
you stumble and fall.

Run the last mile with a
smile on you face.
My arms will be waiting
when you finish the race.

Always remember,
my love is right there,
In the beat of your heart,
On the wing of your prayer.

Linda Shelburn Reagan

