



Brian "Whitey" Glen Heinlein

July 26, 1966 - October 4, 2025

Brian Glen "Whitey" Heinlein

age 59, of Glidden, passed away on October 4, 2025, as the result of an automobile accident.

He was born on July 26, 1966, one day before his father's birthday, to LeRoy and Imogene Heinlein of Glidden.

Brian grew up and attended Glidden public schools, graduating in 1985. While still in school and afterward, he worked for the Wisconsin Conservation Corps, making walking trails and maintaining campgrounds throughout the Chequamegon National Forest.

Over the years, Brian worked in various logging jobs and even spent one year operating a skidder in the mountains of Idaho.

Whitey was always willing to lend a hand when asked, but hesitant about asking anyone for help.

He met and fell in love with Karen Gessert of Marshfield, and they were married in 2000 on Valentine's Day. Brian was an outdoor person, hunted grouse, deer, and bear, with an occasional fishing trip to northern Minnesota

with friends.

Brian and Karen loved to spend time at their hunting camp near Morse and bear camp near Winter.

They both had great love for dogs and spoiled them terribly. His last two were bear hound that went everywhere with him.

In death Brian helped others by being a tissue doner.

His beloved wife Karen passed away in 2022, leaving him totally devastated, and things were never the same.

He is survived by his mother, Imogene Heinlein of Glidden, his sister-in-law, Carol Heinlein of Glidden, his niece Maggie (Matt) Podrez of Crandon, and his nephew Evan Heinlein of Glidden.

He was preceded in death by his wife Karen, his father LeRoy, and his brother Kevin.

A celebration of life will be held at the Gordon Lake Town Hall on Saturday November 1, 2025, from 1:00pm until 3:00pm

Birch Street Funeral service is assisting the family.

www.birchstreetfuneralservice.com

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

NOV 1. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Town of Gordon Town Hall
24357 Gordon Lake Road
Glidden, WI 54527

Tribute Wall

TS

“ My Dad Roger Senoraske, hunted bear over 35 years ago in Glidden and Whitey always called him "Schumoluski" instead of Senoraske (as Whitey liked giving people nicknames).

A few years ago while my Dad was (and still is) hunting with the Stoney Lonesome Bear Hunters in Winter, WI - he and Whitey were reunited just like no time had gone by. Dad was greeted with a "Hey Schumoluski"!

The 2 old friends would tell jokes and stories (true stories) as they sat outside the cabin, having a few refreshments and smoking cigarettes, while they sat with Whitey's bear dogs.

Whitey's presence was missed this year at the Stoney Lonesome Bear Camp and he will always be in our hearts - true story!!



Tammi Senoraske - October 23, 2025 at 11:36 AM

SK

“ Another one gone too soon! I will forever cherish the fond memories I have of Whitey!! He helped me a few times when I really needed some help, especially when my car ended up on top of a large snowbank on a back road! Out of know where there was Whitey...he was just bumming around! RIP...Rest In Paradise, you're with Karen again❤️

Sonja Kurtzweil - October 07, 2025 at 01:11 AM

JD

“ Julianne A Dul lit a candle in memory of Brian "Whitey" Glen Heinlein



Julianne A Dul - October 06, 2025 at 08:14 PM