



Alfred Gerald Elpel

November 16, 1928 - May 27, 2006

Alfred Gerald Elpel, age 77 of Columbus, formerly of Bloomfield, Montana, passed away on Sunday, March 12, 2006 at his home surrounded by his family. Graveside services will be held at 2:00 P.M., Saturday, May 27, 2006 in the Dawson Memorial Cemetery in Glendive with Father Benjamin Lobo officiating. A reception will follow in the Silvernale-Silha Tribute Center in Glendive. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is entrusted with arrangements. Gerald was born on November 16, 1928, in Glendive, Montana, the son of August and Mabel Elpel. He was raised in the Bloomfield area on the family homestead. After graduating from Montana State College, he returned home where he continued to operate the family farm and ranch. On October 8, 1966, he married Joan M. Rice of Glendive. They operated the Bloomfield ranch with their three children until moving the operation to Rapelje in 1991. He was active in many conservation and development organizations. Gerald was very forward thinking in methods of innovative no-till farming and modern ranching practices. Gerald was a gentle man, well-respected, and a true steward of the land. He was a progressive conservationist; a thoughtful, generous, kind man with a gentle nature and a great sense of humor -- a true cattleman, who loved the work and rewards of ranch life. We love him and miss him. He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother and one sister. He is survived by his wife Joan of Columbus; daughter, Katherine Yerger and her husband Mark and their children, Miles and Kendall of Bozeman; daughter, Patricia (Matt Smith) of Missoula; son, Stephan Elpel and his wife

Colleen and their children, Ethan, Kyleen, and Jaydan of Kalispell; sister, Agnes Tomsheck and her husband Arthur of Cut Bank, and brother, Joe Elpel and his wife Eve of Billings. Memorials may be sent to Big Sky Hospice, Stillwater Team, Columbus, Montana or Stillwater Community Hospital.

Tribute Wall



“ *Alfred Gerald Elpel*

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