



Bernard Francis Kelly

January 19, 1933 - July 12, 2013

Glendive, Montana: Bernard Francis Kelly, age 80, passed away on Monday, July 8, 2013 at the Eastern Montana Veterans Home in Glendive. Visitation will be from 10:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, July 11, 2013 at the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. Funeral Services will be held at 10:00 A.M. on Friday, July 12, 2013 at the First Congregational United Church of Christ with Brother Guy Ponteriero officiating. Interment with military honors will be in the Dawson County Cemetery in Glendive. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements. Bernard was born on January 19, 1933 in Glendive, the son of William and Esther (Johnson) Kelly. He was raised and educated in Glendive where he was an excellent football player and played in the East-West Shrine Game. Bernard graduated from Dawson County High School with the class of 1951. As a young man, he and his three brothers worked summers at a sheep ranch south of Glendive and for fun they would hike the Makoshika Hills. Following high school, Bernard attended Dawson Community College in Glendive before moving to Bozeman, Montana and attended college for a short while before moving back to Glendive to help his father with his younger siblings. Bernard was drafted into the United States Army in 1953 and served two years in Germany as a lineman. Following his honorable discharge, Bernard returned to Glendive and was employed with the Montana State Highway Department, a job he continued for thirty-two years. He retired in 1987 as a project engineer. Bernard met and married Beverly in Glendive on December 20,

1964 in the First Congregational United Church of Christ and to this union they had four children. He and Beverly traveled the country after his retirement including; Alaska, Washington, D.C., Branson, Missouri and Kentucky. Bernard worked various part-time jobs after his retirement such as; Fisher Sand and Gravel and hauling beets. He enjoyed woodworking, refinishing old furniture, listening to classic country music; especially Lawrence Welk, yard working, planting trees, flowers and gardening and canning his own produce. He loved watching his kids and grandchildren in all of their sporting events and activities. Bernard even took his children hunting even though this was something he did not enjoy but he knew his children would love it and he loved being a father. Bernard was a member of the Elks Club #1324 and was a past Exalted Ruler, Legion Club, Veterans of Foreign Wars post 1125 and the Moose Lodge post 949. Bernard was preceded in death by his parents, William and Esther Kelly; infant brother, Gerald; brothers, Pat and Mike and two sisters, Marlene Durbin and Sharon Blome. Bernard is survived by his wife, Beverly Kelly of Glendive; children, Connie (Jesse) Barnhart of Broadus, Montana, Kevin (Jana) Kelly of Brussett, Montana, Casey (Jani) Kelly of Elko, Nevada and Cody (Whisper) Kelly of Miles City, Montana; one brother, William (Martha) Kelly of Glendive; one sister - in - law, Delight Simon of Glendive; nine grandchildren; one great-grandchild on the way and numerous nieces and nephews. Memorials are suggested to the Boys and Girls Club or the Eastern Montana Veterans Home in Glendive. Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at: www.silveranle-silhafuneralhome.com.

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“ *Bernard Francis Kelly*

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