



## Charles Lee LaBree

July 19, 1921 - March 20, 2010

GLENDIVE, MONTANA: Charles Lee LaBree, age 88 passed away on Thursday, March 11, 2010 at the Glendive Medical Center Extended Care in Glendive. A Memorial Service will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Saturday, March 20, 2010 at United Methodist Church, 206 West Towne, in Glendive with Pastor Ruth McKenzie and Reverend Avis Anderson officiating. Interment will be in the Dawson Memorial Cemetery in Glendive. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements. Charles was born on July 19, 1921 the son of Sibley and Anna (Lee) LaBree in Ismay, Montana. He was raised on a working ranch and attended Carter County country schools. Charles completed his education at Custer County High School in Miles City, Montana graduating with the class of 1940. Charles married Mary Florence Kitson on March 3, 1942 in Terry, Montana. After their marriage he worked at various jobs. He was a route delivery person, a car salesman and owned and operated LaBree's Grocery Store in Miles City. After a fire burned down the original neighborhood store on Thanksgiving Day a new store was built on the original site. The LaBree's bought a small irrigated farm on the outskirts of Miles City. In addition to raising four children, animals and hobby farming, Charles worked for Sweetheart Bread. In 1956 he moved his family to Melstone, Montana where he worked as an oil tanker driver. The family moved once more to Glendive where Charles continued to work in the transportation industry driving for Northern Tank Lines and Consolidated Freightways. In 1962 Charles started LaBree Mobile Home Sales which he

ran until he retired in 1982. Charles enjoyed spending time at his cabin at Fort Peck. He loved entertaining friends and family and there were always kids, grand kids, neighbors, relatives and friends around. Charles usually put them to work at the cabin. He enjoyed doing yard work and gardening, especially growing trees and roses. In the early years of retirement, he also spent time in Lake Havasu City, Arizona, where he learned the art of weaving yarn onto lawn chairs. Even in retirement he was a craftsman and salesman and you could find him at parking lots, parks, fairgrounds and the like, selling his wares. He was fondly known to some as the "Chair Man". He also enjoyed making and sharing his famous angel food cakes with those who were special to him. Charles was a life time member of the Elks and a member of the Montana Mobile Home Dealers Association. His heart was always in the country and he was happiest on a horse roping calves at his brother's and nephew's brandings Charles was preceded in death by his parents; Mary, his wife of 63 years; 1 daughter, Linda Skartved; 2 sisters and 4 brothers. Survivors include one son; Bill (Glenda) LaBree of Glendive, two daughters; Judy Evans of Bakersfield, California, Cathy (Clay) Wells of Aurora, Colorado; 11 grandchildren; 36 great grandchildren; a sister-in-law; Gini Johnson of Billings, Montana; special friend, Nora Connor of Glendive and numerous nieces and nephews. Memorials may be made to the Window Preservation Fund at the Glendive United Methodist Church or the charity of your choice. Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at: [www.silve-rnale-silhafuneralhome.com](http://www.silve-rnale-silhafuneralhome.com).

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