



Clarence Starr

February 6, 1907 - March 27, 2006

Clarence Starr, age 99, of Glendive, passed away on Wednesday, March 22, 2006 at the Glendive Medical Center. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 A.M., Monday, March 27, 2006 at the Zion Lutheran Church with Pastor Avis Anderson and Pastor T.C. Chatman officiating. Interment will be in the Dawson County Cemetery in Glendive. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is entrusted with arrangements. Clarence was born on February 6, 1907 in Little Falls, Minnesota, the youngest of 14 children born to Frank and Helen (Kapinos) Starr. He received his early education in Minnesota. Clarence moved with his family east of Fallon, Montana where they homesteaded. Clarence was a self starter. His working career started at the age of 12 when he worked on a ranch near Brockway and was paid with a saddle horse (with no saddle) and came to Glendive where he worked for several area ranchers. Clarence was united in marriage to Mary A. Green on April 21, 1930 in Miles City, Montana. In the 1930's, Clarence started mining coal at what was to become the Starr Mine. There he broke horses, stripping the dirt off the coal mine with a four horse fresno. He would then ship on the Northern Pacific Railroad one or two carloads of these horses every year for the next 10 years to Minnesota and Wisconsin where they were sold. Clarence and his wife settled in the Glendive area and raised their family. Later in his working career, Clarence operated heavy equipment - building dams and doing other dirt work. At the end of his working life, Clarence drilled water wells for area ranchers and farmers. Clarence was an avid reader of non fiction books,

ranging from his children's history books to geological surveys. He was a great story teller, loved a good game of cards, sang many a song and just having his family near was a happy time for Clarence. After his retirement at age 80, Clarence enjoyed making artistic branding irons and other metal work from horseshoes. Clarence was preceded in death by his parents; his wife Mary in 2003; all of his brothers and sisters; a grandson, Mark Lunde and a great grandson, Derek Sauther. Survivors include his children, Norman (Lorraine) Starr of Big Timber, Montana, Calda (Bland) Lunde, Norma Jean (Danny) Peterson, all of Glendive and Betty (Walt) Sauther of Billings; 13 grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Tribute Wall



“ *Clarence Starr*

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