



## Dave Johnston

June 2, 1927 - August 25, 2012

Circle, Montana: Dave Johnston, age 85, of Richey, Montana, passed away on Monday, August 20, 2012 at the McCone County Health Center in Circle. Visitation will be from 10:30 A.M. until 1:00 P.M. on Friday, August 24, 2012 at the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Glendive, Montana and from 4:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. in the Chapel of the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Richey. Funeral Services will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Saturday, August 25, 2012 at the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church in Richey with Pastor Paul Sponheim officiating. Interment will be held in the Richey Cemetery in Richey. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Richey has been entrusted with the arrangements. Alfred Dave Johnston was born on June 2, 1927 in Central City, Nebraska, a son of Cecil and Katie (Knels) Johnston. He was raised and educated in a country school receiving his education through the sixth grade when he quit school to help on the farm due to his Dad's poor health. He was raised on the Retah Table until the family moved to the current farm northwest of Richey. Dave met, courted, and married Eloris Will on February 25, 1948 at the Presserville Baptist Church in Vida, Montana, and to this union five children were born. He was the first driver's education teacher his kids ever had and he taught most of the kids to drive by putting them on the tractor or in the combine and letting them go. Dave was a hard worker whose work was his hobby. His nickname on the CB was "Busy Beaver" because he was always working. He was never happier than when he was working on the farm whether summer fallowing, seeding, spraying, and especially harvesting. He

also enjoyed branding and working the cows. He liked doing any work that had to be done on the farm. He never bought anything unless it was deductible. Dave was a man who loved his family, he enjoyed supporting his grandchildren in their sporting activities, tickling people while they slept with a twisted up napkin or kleenex, and he always looked forward to the family reunions they had recently started having every two years. He was always up for a game of dicemill, skipbo and uno. Dave was a board member for the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church and the Farmers Elevator. He never took many vacations in his life but he did get to enjoy a free cruise. Dave was preceded in death by his parents, Cecil and Katie Johnston; brothers, Lawrence Johnston and Eugene Johnston; sister, Marjorie Ziegler and great granddaughter, Shelby Sedgwick. Survivors include his children, Garald D. (Barbara) Johnston of Winifred, Montana, Gregory W. (Susan) Johnston of Lewistown, Montana, Myron A. (Barbara) Johnston of Richey, Maureen E. (Don) Buller of Kalispell, Montana and Marlin W. (Aurilla) Johnston of Richey; seventeen grandchildren; twenty great-grandchildren; siblings, Ruth Cooper of Circle, Johnnie Johnston of Poplar, Montana, Helen Hoffman of Richey, Mary Johnston of Washington, Ella Anderson of South Carolina and Ruben Johnston of Yakima, Washington; and numerous nieces and nephews. 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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