



Donald S. "Deac" Johnson

June 18, 1919 - July 3, 2006

Donald "Deac" Sumner Johnson, age 87, formerly of Glendive, died on Thursday, June 29, 2006 at the Aspen Meadows Nursing Home in Billings. Funeral services will be held at 1:00 P.M., Monday, July 3, 2006 in the Chapel of the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Glendive with Pastor Avis Anderson officiating. Interment will be in the Dawson County Cemetery in Glendive. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is entrusted with arrangements. Deac was born on June 18, 1919 in Minneapolis, Minnesota, the son of Victor and Geda (Kittleson) Johnson. He was raised and attended schools in Minneapolis, Evansville and Alexandria Minnesota, graduating from Alexandria High School in 1937. Deac married Elaine Ivadel Lund on February 6, 1946 in Alexandria. Deac worked in the Civilian Conservation Corp prior to joining the Marines in 1942. He served as a communications specialist in the Atlantic and Pacific Theaters and was honorably discharged in 1946 attaining the rank of buck sergeant. Deac attended railroad telegrapher school in Minneapolis and worked for the Northern Pacific Railroad in Custer and Reed Point, Montana and New Salem, North Dakota. He became a dispatcher for the railroad in 1960 and moved his family to Glendive, Montana where he worked until his retirement in 1980. Deac especially enjoyed playing golf and was club champion twice at the Cottonwood Country Club in Glendive and had a hole in one on the par 3 2nd hole in 1988. He also enjoyed playing bridge, chess and pool. He enjoyed music and was a member of the Kitchen Band providing entertainment to

senior citizens in Glendive and Wibaux. Deac was preceeded in death by his wife Elaine, son Richard and brothers, Ronald and Larry. Survivors include his son, Curtis and his wife Carol of Kamiah, Idaho; two daughters, Melinda Mehl and her husband Dan of Evanston, Wyoming and Sharon Greshik and her husband Tony of Laurel, Montana; daughter-in-law, Pam Johnson of Dickinson, Texas; sisters, Jordis Motzko and her husband Jerry of St. Paul, Minnesota and Audrey Doley of Blaine, Minnesota; sister-in-law, Mary Johnson of Longmont, Colorado; grandchildren, Hudson O'Keefe of Ashville, North Carolina, Michael Johnson of Wallace, Idaho, Mark Johnson and his wife Tera of Kellogg, Idaho, Jennifer Fisher and her husband Daryl of Middleburg, Florida, Scott Mehl of Chicago, Illinois, Karley Gilomen and her husband Travis of Inver Grove Hts., Minnesota and Angie Broadhead and her husband Tim of Billings, Montana and eight great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. The family would like to extend special thanks and appreciation to the staff at Aspen Meadows Nursing Home for the loving care and kindness they gave our father and grandfather. During the two years he was in their care, they truly became a second family to Deac. Memorials may be sent to the Glendive Senior Citizens Center, 323 East Barry, Glendive, MT 59330.

Tribute Wall



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