



Donald M. "Donnie" Barthel

November 6, 1934 - April 29, 2005

Donald M. "Donnie" Barthel, age 70, of Glendive, passed away on Saturday, April 23, 2005 at the Cancer Treatment Centers of America in Tulsa, Oklahoma. A Vigil Service will be held at 7:00 P.M., Thursday, April 28, 2005 in the Chapel of the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:00 A.M., Friday, April 29, 2005 at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Glendive with Father Joseph Ponessa officiating. Rite of Committal will be in the Dawson County Cemetery in Glendive. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is entrusted with arrangements. Donnie was born on November 6, 1934 in Golva, North Dakota, the son of Anton "Tonie" and Catherine (Dietz) Barthel. He was raised near Golva and briefly attended school in Golva. Donnie moved with his family to a farm approximately five miles west of Wibaux. He received his education in Wibaux schools and graduated from Wibaux High School with the class of 1955. Following graduation, Donnie worked a variety of jobs including deputy sheriff in Wibaux, car salesman, tax appraiser, airplane fabrication and heavy equipment operator. Donnie settled in the Glendive area where he again worked construction and for the Dawson County Road Department. Donnie met Betty Buxbaum and his first words were, "Girl where have you been all my life" and they were united in marriage on August 9, 1958 in Glendive. Since 1963 they have resided west of Glendive. Donnie became employed by Montana Dakota Utilities in April of 1966. He remained with M.D.U. for 23 years, working as a welder for many of those years and retiring as Gas

Distribution Foreman in 1989. After retirement Donnie enjoyed meeting his coffee buddies. Donnie was very proud of his children and loved spending quality time with his family. He was always excited with new projects. Donnie was a very compassionate person who enjoyed helping others including distributing communion to the homebound. In 1992 Donnie was voted the "Neighbor of the Year" for his hard work and dedication. Donnie enjoyed hunting, camping, fishing and spending time with family at Fort Peck. He also enjoyed playing cards and dancing with family and friends. Donnie was a member of the Knights of Columbus, Elks Lodge, Moose Lodge and the Dawson Investment Club. He is survived by his wife, Betty, of Glendive; sons, Michael Barthel and his wife Sheila of Havre, Montana, Craig Barthel and his wife Sheila of Billings, Montana, and Jonathan Barthel and his wife Kara of Glendive; daughters, LaRae Semingson and her husband Ray of Glendive and Laurie Feist and her husband Tom of Missoula, Montana; siblings, Helen Casey of Glendive, Christine Finneman of Golva, Laurence Barthel of Glendive, Ray Barthel and his wife Audré of Wibaux, Montana, Dorothy Finneman of Miles City, Mary Ann Marman and her husband Ray of Glendive, Leona Jacobs and her husband John of Big Timber, Montana, and Lillian Patterson and her husband Bob of Glendive; seven granddaughters, three grandsons and one great grandson. Donnie will be missed by all.

Tribute Wall



“ *Donald M. "Donnie" Barthel*

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