



Donald Lynch

March 27, 1921 - May 13, 2008

Donald James Lynch, age 87, of Glendive, passed away on May 8, 2008 of a heart attack in Glendive. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 A.M., Tuesday, May 13, 2008 at the Chapel of the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. Interment with military honors will be in the Dawson Memorial Cemetery in Glendive. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is entrusted with arrangements. Don was born on March 27, 1921 in Glendive, Montana , the eldest son born to Don T. and Hazel (Wiesner) Lynch. He was raised and educated in Glendive, graduating from Dawson County High School with the class of 1939. In 1940, Don volunteered for the United States Army. He did his basic training at Fort Ord, California with Company H, 53rd Infantry where he became a drill sergeant. In 1941, he volunteered into the Mountain 10 Infantry at Fort Lewis, Washington. He was there a short time and was sent to Fort Benning, Georgia where he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant. Don stayed at Fort Benning until his 21st birthday because you had to be 21 before you could go overseas as an officer. He went to Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands in the Pacific until 1944. Don attained the rank of Captain while serving overseas. After his discharge he became instrumental in starting the National Guard at Glendive and served as Commanding Officer for 15 years. Don was united in marriage to Josephine A'uge on May 8, 1945. He and his wife moved to Missoula, Montana for two years while Don attended the university. Upon returning to Glendive, he worked for Harold Koch Furniture and later went to work for the Northern Pacific Railroad as a waybill clerk. He retired from

Burlington Northern Railroad in 1983. Throughout Don's life, he had a love for motorcycles, guns and hunting. He also was an avid reader. Don was a man of honesty, integrity and he had a heart of gold. He loved people and touched many people's lives in a special way. Don is preceded in death by his parents; wife, Josephine and sister, Kathleen. Survivors include two sons, Tom Lynch of Frenchtown, Montana and Patrick Lynch and his wife Candy of Anderson Island, Washington; two daughters, Janet Trosper and her husband Paul of Amarillo, Texas and Lonnie Thournhill and her husband Dana of Dumas, Texas; two brothers, Dick Lynch of Beaverton, Oregon and David Lynch of Worland, Wyoming; nine grandchildren and four great grandchildren; his companion, Jo Larson of Glendive and her family - daughters, Jodi (Roger) Ray, Stacey (Aaron) Haynes and Jennifer (Ethan) Millineux and granddaughters, Emalee and Sophie and grandsons, our little man Taylor and Walker.

Tribute Wall



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