



Donald Joseph Taylor

May 10, 1919 - July 24, 2003

Donald John Taylor, age 84, of Glendive, passed away on Wednesday, July 16, 2003 at the Eastern Montana Veterans Home in Glendive. Memorial services will be held at 2:00 P.M., Thursday, July 24, 2003 at the Zion Lutheran Church in Glendive with Pastor Avis Anderson officiating. Interment with military honors will be in the Dawson Memorial Cemetery in Glendive. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is entrusted with arrangements. Donald was born on May 10, 1919 in Medora, North Dakota, the son of John Wesley and Gertrude (Smith) Taylor. He was raised and educated in Medora where he graduated from high school. Don went to work for the Northern Pacific Railroad as a telegrapher/station agent and worked at various stations in Montana. Don was united in marriage to Ella Joan Wike on March 8, 1941 in Terry, Montana. He entered the U.S. Army where he was an assault machine gunner but because he could type, they made him a theatre of operations clerk in the European Theatre of World War II. Following his discharge in July of 1946, Don and his wife lived in Glendive where he worked for the Northern Pacific Railroad as a train dispatcher. In 1954, they bought a hobby farm located 7 ½ miles north of Glendive. Donald retired from the Northern Pacific Railroad in 1982. After his retirement, Don and his wife enjoyed wintering in Arizona and taking a trip to Norway. Ella Joan preceded Don in death in 1991. After 1995, Don spent his summers in Beach, North Dakota. Don enjoyed cutting rocks, playing musical instruments, dancing, playing cards and having a meal with his friends. He also enjoyed horses in

his younger years. Don was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post and had served as Post Commander for two terms. Don was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Ella Joan; a son, Timothy; his brother, Melvin and his sister, Evelyn Wilkens. Don is survived by two daughters, Donna Siegle and her husband Orville and Janice Feisthamel and her husband Don, all of Glendive; his son, Richard G. "Dick" Taylor and his fiancée Jan Yates of Dickinson, North Dakota; two brothers, Robert Taylor of Moorhead, Minnesota and Vernon Taylor of Murphys, California; 5 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

Tribute Wall



“ *Donald Joseph Taylor*

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