



Donald Hugh Welsh

March 3, 1917 - October 29, 2008

Dr. Donald Hugh Welsh, age 91, of Wibaux, Montana, formerly of Glendive, Montana, passed away on Wednesday, October 29, 2008, at the Wibaux County Nursing Home. A family graveside service will be held on Friday, October 31, 2008, in the Dawson County Cemetery in Glendive with Father Joseph Ponessa officiating. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Wibaux is entrusted with arrangements. Donald was born on March 3, 1917, on the family homestead near Yates, Montana, the son of Burton and Mamie (Mengel) Welsh. He attended elementary school in Wibaux County and graduated from Wibaux County High School with the class of 1933. He attended Eastern Montana State Normal College in Billings, Montana, from 1935 to 1938 and Billings Polytechnic College from 1939 to 1941 earning a Bachelor of Science Degree in Social Sciences. Donald attended summer sessions at the University of Montana in Missoula from 1946 to 1950 and received a Master of Arts Degree in History. In 1949, Donald enrolled at the University of Missouri at Columbia where he was granted a Ph.D. in history. The title of his 1955 doctoral dissertation was Pierre Wibaux, Badlands Rancher. Donald married his college sweetheart, Eva K. Scabad, daughter of Nick and Elizabeth (Roeszer) Scabad. Donald and Eva were wed on June 1, 1938, in Glendive, Montana. He taught in Montana elementary schools at Carlyle, Park City, Fairview and Forsyth and administered schools at Lavina, Frazer, Nashua and Custer. Donald served as editor of the Missouri Historical Society of Columbia from 1957 to 1967. He taught at Valley City State College

in Valley City, North Dakota, from 1967 to 1985 serving as the college's chairman in the Division of Social Sciences and later in the Division of Communication Arts and Social Science. Donald published numerous articles on Missouri history and on ranching in the Badlands. He was the author of *Conversations: Valley City State University 1890-1990*. Donald and Eva especially enjoyed their years in Custer, Montana, and Valley City, North Dakota, though very different communities, both were a delight in which to live and work. Donald was preceded in death by his parents, his wife and the love of his life Eva, his brother Harley, and his sister Dorothy. Donald is survived by his son, Hugh Welsh of Rapid City, South Dakota, and his grandson, Sean Patrick Welsh, both of who were great sources of pride and joy for Donald; his brother, Russell Welsh of Wibaux, Montana; his brother-in-law, Raymond J. Scabad of Daly City, California; his niece, Genie Welsh of Wibaux, Montana; and his niece, Ruby Tennant and her husband Toby of Wibaux, Montana.

Tribute Wall



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