



Duane "Swede" Wagner

August 11, 1933 - December 14, 2012

Duane "Swede" Wagner, age 79, of Beach, North Dakota passed away on Monday, December 10, 2012 at St. Joseph's Hospital in Dickinson. Duane was born on August 11, 1933 in Beach, the son of Cliff and Martha (Benson) Wagner. Duane grew up on their ranch forty-five miles north of Medora, North Dakota and attended grade school at the Anear School north of Medora and completed his education in 1951 from Beach High School. After high school Swede pursued a truck driving career, driving for Red Hayden for many years. On October 29, 1955, Swede and Lorraine Sylvester were married in Medora. Following their marriage, they moved to Beach where they were soon joined by four daughters; Debbie, Dixie, Linda and Holly. In 1956, Swede and Lorraine purchased the local Texaco filling station which they operated until they later sold the business. He then began a new career at the truck regulatory which later became a part of the Highway Patrol. He worked there for thirty-two years and retired as a supervisor in 1996. Swede was a member of the North Dakota Peace Officers Association for many years. Swede had many hobbies, he was a meticulous woodworker and builder, enjoyed traveling in their RV, boating and being first to get his garden planted, but he especially loved flying. He became a pilot in 1972 and received his commercial pilot's license a couple of years later. He was very proud of his first airplane, a Piper Cub, and later he became a co-owner of another plane. Swede always looked forward to gathering with family and friends in the sun room of his home. Swede was preceded in death by his parents, Clifford and

Martha Wagner and his brother Durward Wagner. Swede is survived by his wife, Lorraine of Beach; four daughters, Debbie (Rick) Radke of Rock Springs, Wyoming, Dixie (John) Abraham of Sentinel Butte, North Dakota, Linda (Gary) Anderson of Turtle Lake, North Dakota and Holly (George) Hartman of Price, Utah; seventeen grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; four sisters, Bernie Overstreet of Jackson, Mississippi, Lyla (Myron) Corfman of El Centro, California, Marlie Bennett of El Centro and Cleo Scantlin of El Cajon, California and numerous nephews and nieces. Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at: www.silvernale-silhafuneralhome.com.

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