



## Erle H. Mort

December 19, 1922 - February 26, 2007

Erle Helmer Mort, age 84, of Glendive, passed away on Wednesday, February 21, 2007 at the Eastern Montana Veterans Home in Glendive. Visitation will be on Sunday, February 25, 2007 from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. at Our Savior Lutheran Church and on Monday, February 26, 2007 from 8:30 A.M. until 1:00 P.M. at the Chapel of the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. A Prayer Service for family and friends will be held at 7:00 P.M., Sunday, February 25, 2007 at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Glendive. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 P.M., Monday, February 26, 2007 at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Glendive with Pastor James Hageman officiating. Interment with military honors will be in the Dawson Memorial Cemetery in Glendive. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is entrusted with arrangements. Erle was born on December 19, 1922 on a farm near South Shore, South Dakota to Ralph and Berniece (Solem) Mort. His mother passed away when he was three years old and his youngest sisters and Erle were raised by their Aunt Elma and Uncle Ray Mort. In 1928 the family left South Shore and moved to Perkin County, South Dakota where Erle attended the first eight grades of school. In 1939, the family moved to Buffalo, South Dakota and Erle graduated from Harding County High School. Throughout high school, Erle worked at McMahn's Grocery Store and after graduation he worked at Sturdevant Drug Store. In 1944 Erle entered the United States Army and spent two years with Company K 19th Infantry in the South Pacific in Japan and the Philippines. He was honorably discharged as a Sergeant on February 6, 1947 in Fort Lewis,

Washington. In 1947 he met the love of his life, Loretta "Tootie" Anderson. On December 27, 1947 they were united in marriage at Stroot, South Dakota. In 1948 they bought the Dutch Room at Buffalo, South Dakota and operated it until 1956. During this time, two children were born, daughter Erlene in July of 1952 and a son, Tim in May of 1955. The family relocated to Glendive in 1958 where Erle purchased Toney's Truck Stop and renamed it Erle's Enco. In 1963 he bought the Exxon bulk distributorship which was renamed Mort Distributing. During Erle's 28 years in business he owned and operated service stations throughout Glendive which employed many of the area young men throughout the years. He continued to operate Mort Distributing until 1985 when he sold it to his son and retired. During their retirement, Erle and Tootie enjoyed 16 years traveling in their RV during the winters down south and with their family in the summers. In 2001, they gave up RVing and spent time enjoying their family and friends and playing cards. Erle always took pride in his yard and spent hours grooming, pruning and always found time to waltz as he was a 25 year member of the Moose Lodge and a life member of the Elks. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Besides his devotion to his family he also had a strong commitment to his Lord. He was a member of Our Savior Lutheran Church. We take comfort that he will be waiting to unite with us again in God's kingdom. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ralph and Berniece; his Aunt Alma and Uncle Ray Mort; his sister, Gladys Erickson and his brother, Glen Mort. Erle is survived by his wife of 59 years, Tootie of Glendive; a daughter, Erlene Kuntz and her husband Dennis of Eagle, Idaho; his son, Tim Mort and his wife Evelyn of Glendive; his sister, Elaine Quinzer of Yakima, Washington five grandchildren, Jeremy and his wife Angela Kuntz of Nampa, Idaho, Travis Kuntz of Eagle, Idaho, Shawn and his wife Amy Kuntz of Meredian, Idaho, Cole Mort of Glendive and Jillian Mort of Bozeman, Montana; two great grandchildren, McKaylee and Dakota Kuntz, both of Nampa, Idaho.

# Tribute Wall



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