



Frank I. "Sonny" Kampschorr

October 13, 1916 - January 11, 2005

Frank I. "Sonny" Kampschorr, age 88, of Glendive, passed away on Thursday, January 6, 2005 at the Glendive Medical Extended Care Facility after an extended illness. A Memory Service for family and friends will be held at 7:00 P.M., Monday, January 10, 2005 in the Chapel of the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 P.M., Tuesday, January 11, 2005 at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Glendive with Pastor Howard Schreibeis and Pastor James Hageman officiating. Interment will be in the Dawson Memorial Cemetery in Glendive. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is entrusted with arrangements. Sonny was born in Glendive, Montana on October 13, 1916, the son of Frank and Esther Kampschorr. In January of 1917, he moved with his parents to his father's homestead in the Bloomfield-Richey area, traveling the 45 mile trip via bobsled. He attended Bloomfield school and graduated from Dawson County High School in 1935. In 1937, he attended Radio Trade School in Kansas City, Missouri and became acquainted with noted trumpet player Louis Armstrong as he provided sound system setup for some of Armstrong's performances. He was an accomplished dancer and also worked as an Arthur Murray Dance School instructor. In the spring of 1941 he returned to Glendive where he co-owned a farm machinery and automotive garage with his father. He married Alice Buck in Bloomfield on September 14, 1941. In 1942 they moved to Bozeman, Montana for defense school training at Montana State University and then moved to Ogden, Utah where he worked as an instructor in Aircraft

Electronics for the Signal Corp at Hill Air Force Base. Later that year they moved to Pueblo, Colorado where he was foreman at the Signal Corp Radio & Supply Depot at the air base outside Pueblo. They returned to Glendive in 1945 where he rejoined his father in the farm machinery business. A son, Gary Dean, was born August 31, 1947 and a daughter, Gaylene Dee was born November 12, 1952 in Glendive. In 1966, he started Kampschorr's Inc., a radio, television, and appliance sales and service business. His son Gary continued to run the business after Sonny retired in 1976. Frank was a Dale Carnegie graduate, an active community member, and held various leadership positions in the Glendive Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis Club, Toastmasters, Stock Car Racing Association, and Makoshika Travelers Good Sam Club. He was a longtime member of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Glendive. During retirement, Frank and Alice continued to reside in Glendive although they spent many winters in Arizona. Sonny was an avid fisherman. He enjoyed photography, traveling and he could fix anything. Frank is survived by his wife of 63 years, Alice; son, Gary Kampschorr and his wife Karen of Lake Havasu, Arizona and their children Beth (Sarajevo, Bosnia) and Kevin (Las Vegas, Nevada); daughter, Gaylene (Kampschorr) Thompson and her husband Dick of Grand Junction, Colorado, and their children Rick (Arvada, Colorado) and Jillian (Grand Junction, Colorado); and his brother, Don, of Chicago, Illinois. Suggestions for memorial contributions in Frank's honor include the Glendive Hospice or Glendive Medical Center Foundation, 202 Prospect Drive, Glendive, Montana 59330 or a charity of the donor's choice.

Tribute Wall



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