



## Fred L. Nickels

August 23, 1917 - July 8, 2005

Fred L. Nickels, age 87, of Glendive, passed away on Tuesday, July 5, 2005 at the Robison Care Center in Glendive. Funeral services with Elks Rites will be held at 10:00 A.M., Friday, July 8, 2005 in the Chapel of the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. Interment will be in the Dawson County Cemetery. Fred was born on August 23, 1917 in Marmarth, North Dakota, the son of Leonard and Anna (Malkuch) Nickels. He moved with his family to their homestead northwest of the Glendive when he was an infant. Fred graduated from Dawson County High School at Glendive and then served time as a machinist apprentice with Vernon machine tool company in Los Angeles after which he worked for twelve years in the locomotive shops of Northern Pacific Railroad at Glendive and the Milwaukee Railroad shops in Miles City. He studied business administration for three years at Minnesota School of Business while on leave of absence from the railway company. Fred was then employed in the accounting and traffic departments of Northwest Freight Lines in Missoula until he was named joint freight agent and terminal manager with Helphrey Motor Freight and United Truck Lines in Kalispell. He rejoined Northern Pacific Railway as administrative assistant to assistant division superintendent, mechanical, at Glendive. He later transferred to the traffic department of the railway company in Billings where he was involved with freight rate tariffs. At the time of the formation of three merged railroads into one entity, Fred was appointed assistant to regional manager of pricing, Burlington Northern Railroad, Billings. Fred was a master locomotive

machinist and a recognized authority on the interpretation and application of motor freight rate and railroad freight rate tariffs. Fred was a life member of the Elks Lodge and enjoyed gardening, landscaping and observing wildlife at his country lodge on lower Belle Prairie. Survivors include his sister, Dolores (Gerald) Gibbs of Jordan, Montana; sister-in-law, Mildred Nickels of Glendive; nieces, Shirley Powell of Bozeman, Montana and Maureen (Don) Reynolds of Gillette, Wyoming; nephews, Robert (Deborah) Gibbs and Patrick (Beverly) Gibbs, all of Jordan, Montana and Charles (Judy) Singer of Des Moines, Iowa; 10 grand nepehws.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fred L. Nickels*

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