



## George Langdon Bell

December 7, 1926 - August 18, 2012

Yakima, Washington: George Langdon Bell, age 85, passed away on August 9, 2012 at the Highgate Senior Living Center in Yakima. A Memorial Service will be held at 10:30 A.M. on Saturday, August 18, 2012 at the Zion Lutheran Church in Glendive, Montana with Pastor Avis Anderson officiating. Interment will be held in the Dawson County Cemetery in Glendive. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Langdon was born on December 7, 1926 in Glendive, a son of Walter Clair and Ethel Mathilda (Tribble) Bell. He was raised and educated in Glendive graduating from Dawson County High School. Following graduation, Langdon entered the United States Naval Air Corps, where he served as a gunner. Upon his honorable discharge from military service, Langdon returned to Glendive where he became employed with the Montana Highway Department. In Glendive, Langdon met and later married Patricia Brown on November 10, 1950. They had three children. Langdon began working with Pat's parents in their business, the Glendive Transfer and Storage Company, which he and Pat later purchased. Langdon and Pat operated their business together until 1986, when they sold it and retired. Langdon was an active member of the Zion Lutheran Church, where he served in various capacities including deacon, lay preacher, member of the Church Council and council president. He also sang in the church choir for many years. His interest in music was long-standing. In addition to church choir, he also sang in the Glendive Community Chorus and was a member of the Glendive Elks Drum and Bugle

Corps and the Little German Cowboy Band. Langdon was also active in community organizations such as the Glendive Lions Club, the Dawson County High School Board, and the Grandview Apartments Board of Directors. At home, Langdon was a student of crossword puzzles, Civil War history and poetry. After supper, he would often regale his children (a captive audience) with the exploits of particular Civil War figures or recite from classic poets like Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. His love of music found an outlet there as well. On a Saturday afternoon, if outdoor activities fell victim to dreary weather, the living room stereo might thunder with the strains of Tchaikovsky, Rossini or John Philip Sousa. Langdon also enjoyed boating and waterskiing, both on local lakes and on the Yellowstone River. In retirement, Langdon and Pat liked to escape to Fort Peck Lake in the summer and play cards with friends who dubbed themselves the "Whist Club." Langdon was preceded in death by his parents, Walter and Ethel Bell; wife, Pat Bell in 2011; daughter, MaryAnn Maciag and sister, Virginia Hoon. Survivors include his daughter, Holli (Matthew) Christensen of Yakima; son, Thomas (Holly) Bell of Johnstown, New York; brother, Walter Bell of El Cajon, California; grandsons, David Maciag of Wesley Chapel, Florida, Christopher Bell of Johnstown and Kjell Christensen of Yakima; and one great-granddaughter, Elena Maciag of Wesley Chapel. Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at: [www.silvernale-silhafuneralhome.com](http://www.silvernale-silhafuneralhome.com).

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