



George Darrah

January 27, 1938 - March 12, 2012

Glendive, Montana: George E. Darrah, age 74, passed away on Monday, March 12, 2012 at the Eastern Montana Veterans Home in Glendive after a brief but courageous battle with brain cancer. Per George's request no services will be held. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements. George was born on January 27, 1938 in Billings, Montana, the son of Martin King and Mildred (Poland) Darrah. He attended area schools and graduated from Columbus High School in Columbus, Montana. Following graduation, George enlisted in the United States Air Force where he met his wife of fifty years, Sandy, on a blind date. After George was honorably discharged from military service in January of 1963 he returned back to the family ranch in Columbus to work the land that was homesteaded by his grandfather, Mel Poland. George and Sandy later moved to North Dakota where he attended North Dakota School of Science and after graduation, George was hired with Bell Labs in Naperville, Illinois. Wanting to get back to the West he applied and was hired for US West in Cheyenne, Wyoming as an engineer. In 1981, two days before Christmas, George moved his family to Glendive where he continued to work for US West until his retirement in 1994. He had a life long dream of building his own house outside of Glendive in which he fulfilled the following year. George graced his property with beautiful flowers and many trees, but his love was his large vegetable garden and selling many items he grew at the Glendive Farmer's Market. He was very proud of the hundreds of hours that he and

many other community members spent rebuilding the Dawson County Fairground's Grandstands. George received the Governor's award for volunteering for the project, although he always said it was a community effort. George was very proud of his family, and loved attending many school events for his grandchildren. He enjoyed hosting family holiday events including fry bread on Christmas morning and barbecuing any chance he got. He also enjoyed wintering in Quartzsite, Arizona where he made many friends. In George's spare time he enjoyed hunting, camping and fishing. George was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Louise Ford. Survivors include his wife of fifty years, Sandy of Glendive; three daughters, Betsy Knapp and her husband David of Sidney, Montana, Cathy Senescall and her husband Todd and Amy Deines and her husband Allen all of Glendive; grandchildren, Tyler and Casey Knapp, Rhylee and Lauren Senescall and Dara, Shay, Auna and Kade Deines and sister, Evelyn Pierce of Billings. Memorials are suggested to the Dawson 100 Club, PO Box 35, Glendive, Montana 59330. Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at: www.silvernale-silhafuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall



“ George Darrah

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“ *I don't know why or what triggered a memory of George with me today, but I am glad to have it. I remember visiting George and Sandy when I was a kid and I love the memory of George coming up to fish with me on the Queets River near Quinault Washington. George is my Great Uncle and I do mean "great". Sharing a drift boat adventure as well as an additional trip off of the bank of the river, I was fortunate to hear of his hunting adventures and see the joy on his face when he did hook into PNW salmon. George and I were also sitting on the docks of Westport Washington crabbing on Sept. 11, 2001. His calming "what can we do from here, but continue to crab?" comment will always remind me how to calmly react to troubled situations, and I miss him a bit today..... Gerald Ford*

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