



## Gust Treftz

April 27, 1917 - January 4, 2007

Gustave "Gust" Treftz, age 89, of Glendive, passed away at his home on Saturday, December 30, 2006. Memorial services will be held at 2:00 P.M., Thursday, January 4, 2006 at the Zion Lutheran Church in Glendive with Pastor Avis Anderson officiating. Interment with military honors will be in the Dawson County Cemetery in Glendive. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is entrusted with arrangements. Gust was born on April 27, 1917 in Eureka, South Dakota, the son of Christian and Rosina (Job) Treftz. He received his early education at the Kessel Country School #3, located east of Eureka, South Dakota. Gust enrolled in the Civilian Conservation Corps in October of 1934 and served until his discharge in April of 1936. He enlisted in the United States Army in April of 1942 at Fort Lewis, Washington and served in the European Theater of World War II. While serving overseas in the service, Gust traveled to many countries including Scotland, Greenland, Spain, Sicily, Italy, France, England, Africa and Germany. He built and repaired heavy wooden structures made from timbers and planking and performed such heavy timber work as capping shoring, bracing and underpinning. Gust was awarded eight battle stars. He had kept a written record of his travels abroad. Gust was honorably discharged from the service on October 1, 1945. Gust was united in marriage to Mary Irene Sellickson on June 20, 1948 in Marsh, Montana. They resided in Glendive where Gust worked as a carpenter for John Sterhan and later for Robert Aldinger. He continued to work as a carpenter for 35 years. Following his retirement, Gust

remained active in the carpentry trade by helping his family, friends and neighbors with their construction projects. He enjoyed fishing and hunting agates. Gust was preceded in death by his parents and his son, Tommy Dean Treftz in 1950; three brothers, Henry, Sam and Elmer. Survivors include his wife, Mary of Glendive; his son, Robert Treftz and his wife Marie of Glendive; one brother, Gordon Treftz and his wife Patty of Chinook, Montana; his sisters, Joan Baker, Martha McCloy and Helen Beres, all of Glendive, Clara Baker and her husband Ed of Billings, Montana, and Emily Schumacher of Wolf Point, Montana; three grandchildren and five great grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews.

# Tribute Wall



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