



Henry M. Lillejord

January 24, 1926 - August 26, 2004

Henry M. "Hank" Lillejord, age 78, of Glendive, passed away on Saturday, August 21, 2004 at the Glendive Medical Center in Glendive. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 P.M., Thursday, August 26, 2004 at the Zion Lutheran Church in Glendive with Pastor Paul Everett officiating. Interment with military honors will be in the Dawson Memorial Cemetery in Glendive. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is entrusted with arrangements. Henry was born on January 24, 1926 on a farm outside of Bellingham, Minnesota, the son of Henry and Milda (Hofstad) Lillejord. He was raised and educated in Madison, Minnesota. In high school, not only was he an avid athlete and captain of his basketball team, he participated in class plays and mixed chorus. Hank graduated from Madison High School with the class of 1944 and entered the U.S. Army. He served in the European Theatre during World War II and was discharged in 1946. Hank attended Yankton College in South Dakota, met Ruth Johnson and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree on June 6, 1949. The two united in marriage in Belle Fourche, South Dakota on July 31, 1949. Hank was recalled to active duty at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas in 1950. The highlight of his service was camp basketball games where he was known as "Octopus" Lillejord. A favorite memory was when he was soundly schooled while attempting to take on the Harlem Globetrotters. Hank and Ruth moved to Minneapolis, Minnesota where they started their family and Hank worked for Midland Bank. In 1958, they moved to Glendive along with their first two children, Bruce and Jane. Hank became the Vice President of the Exchange

State Bank, which later became the First Security Bank, and welcomed their third child, Dale. Hank was very active in civil affairs and was affiliated with numerous community organizations including the Montana Bankers Association, Independent Bankers Association of America, Lions Club, Glendive Chamber of Commerce, Glendive Hospital Board, Bucs Booster Club, Red Devil Booster Club and the Elks Club. But most important to Hank was his family. He said "our lives would have been boring without the kids". Hank retired from First Security Bank in 1989 as President. Hank was an avid golfer and goose hunter. He enjoyed woodworking and remodeling their home. Hank and Ruth were very social, enjoying both music and dance. For those of you who knew him, he fancied himself as an excellent dancer and first rate tenor. Survivors include his wife, Ruth, of Glendive; two sons, Bruce Lillejord and his wife Renee of Cheyenne, Wyoming and Dale Lillejord and his companion Jennifer and her daughter Morgan of Bozeman, Montana; his daughter, Jane Lillejord of Redondo Beach, California; one sister, Muriel Jacobson and her husband Jake of St. Paul, Minnesota; one grandson, Jordan Boren of Round Rock, Texas and a host of friends including his 1944 District Championship Teammates. Memorials are suggested to the Cottonwood Country Club Foundation; Glendive Medical Center; Dawson Community College or the Zion Lutheran Church.

Tribute Wall



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