



## Ira Smeltzer

December 12, 1928 - March 30, 2006

Ira A. Smeltzer, age 77, of Glendive passed away Thursday, March 30, 2006 at the Glendive Medical Center. A Vigil Service will be held at 6:00 P.M., Tuesday, April 4, 2006, in the chapel of the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 A.M.. Wednesday, April 5, 2006 at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Glendive. The Rite of Committal with military honors will be in the Dawson Memorial Cemetery in Glendive. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is entrusted with arrangements. Ira was born December 12, 1928 in Golva, North Dakota, to Jeremiah (Jerry) and Beulah (Stimeling) Smeltzer. He was the youngest of five children. He moved from Golva to the Big Hill Community north of Baker, Montana, where he was raised. Ira graduated from Baker High School in 1946, and then served in the United States Army. He married Gloria Plummer on September 16, 1952 in Baker. Upon his discharge from the military in December of 1953 they returned to Baker where he farmed in the Ollie area. Ira moved with his family to Glendive in 1961 and started his career as a Union Carpenter. He remained active in the Carpenters Union for over 25 years, retiring in 1985. After his retirement, Ira enjoyed traveling, wintering in Arizona for many years. Ira enjoyed spending time in his garden each summer and sharing the harvest with all his friends. Other hobbies included woodworking, hunting, fishing and watching all kinds of sports. He especially loved spending time with his Grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son, Tom, his parents Jerry and Beulah, and all four of his brothers, Preston,

Gerald, Dale, and Jerry. Ira is survived by his wife, Gloria of Glendive; three sons, Everett of Billings, Montana, Jim of Phoenix, Arizona, and Warren and his wife Sandra of Billings; a daughter Rita O'Neil of Glendive; and nine grandchildren, Eric, Sherry, Jay, Shauna, Candice, Jadean, Brittany, Clarissa, and Lindsey and seven Great Grandchildren which include Colton, Cayden, Cortney, Brenna, Ashlee, Kaiya, and Mia. Memorials may be made to: The American Cancer Society / Relay for Life, 520 Bakken, Glendive, MT 59330

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ira Smeltzer*

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