



James A. Leaf

September 30, 1928 - June 14, 2008

James Andrew Leaf, age 79, of Glendive, passed away on Monday, June 9, 2008 at the Glendive Medical Center. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 A.M., Saturday, June 14, 2008 at the Zion Lutheran Church in Glendive with Pastor David Aaseng officiating. Interment will be in the Dawson County Cemetery in Glendive. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is entrusted with arrangements. Jim was born on September 30, 1928 in Valley Springs, South Dakota, the son of Carl and Amanda (Bentson) Leaf. He moved with his mother to Gwinner, North Dakota where he received his early education. As a young man, Jim moved to Glendive and attended Washington School and graduated from Dawson County High School with the class of 1946. He attended the North Dakota State School of Science in Wahpeton, graduating in 1949. Jim was united in marriage to Florence Hangs on April 11, 1954 in Glendive. They resided in Glendive where Jim went to work for the Glendive Fire Department on April 1, 1954. On April 1, 1963, Jim was promoted to Chief and was the first paid fire chief on the force. Jim was very instrumental in establishing EMT certification for the ambulance attendants, which still exists today. He retired from his position on August 1, 1979. Jim then went to work for the State of Montana as a Deputy Fire Marshall from 1979 until his retirement on August 1, 1993. During this time, Jim worked at Silvernale Mortuary and as a photographer with Wing's Studio. His hobbies included computers, photography, reading, camping, fishing and riding motorcycles. He was a member of the Glendive Elks Lodge #1324 and the Good Sam Club.

Survivors include his wife, Florence of Glendive; his daughter, Patti Denning of Glendive and his son, Steven Leaf of Columbia, Missouri; two brothers, Delbert Leaf of Long Branch, Washington and Kenneth Leaf and his wife Margaret of Kennewick, Washington; three grandchildren, Andrew Denning, Shauna Denning and Dustin Leaf; one great granddaughter, Raven Denning.

Tribute Wall



“ *James A. Leaf*

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