



James McCone

November 25, 1917 - August 20, 2003

James "Jim" "Packrat" McCone went to be with the Lord on January 15, 2003. Graveside services with military honors will be held at 10:00 A.M., Wednesday, August 20, 2003 at the Dawson County Cemetery in Glendive. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is entrusted with arrangements. Jim was born on November 25, 1917 in Glendive, Montana, the son of Senator James and Viola E. (Bowers) McCone and was raised on the family ranch in Circle, Montana. He went to school in Glendive where he lived until enlisting in the U.S. Marine Corps in March of 1952. He served on the USS Huston during World War II and was captured and held as prisoner-of-war in Thailand for 3 ½ years where he earned the name "Packrat" after collecting and providing many necessities to his fellow prisoners. Jim was honorably discharged in 1962 after many years as a drill instructor. He settled in San Clemente, California where he worked as a technician of explosives for North American Rockwell. Following his retirement, Jim moved back to Glendive where he resided until 1991 when he moved to Bellevue, Washington to be near his son, George and his family. Jim was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, George and sister, Viola; and his son, James E. McCone. Jim is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, George L. and Katherine L. McCone of Arlington, Washington; grandsons, Edward (Debra) Bushak of Layton, Utah, Matthew (Stephanie) Bushak of Round Rock, Texas, Christopher Kelln of Bellingham, Washington, Nicholas Kelln of Arlington, Washington, and Zachary McCone of Arlington, Washington; granddaughter,

Jennifer (Mark) Walter of Bellevue, Washington; and three great-grandchildren.

Tribute Wall



“ *James McCone*

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