



## John Pierre Chouinard

October 21, 1928 - January 9, 2010

GLENDIVE, MONTANA: John Pierre Chouinard, age 81, passed away on January 3, 2010 at the St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings. A Memorial Service with Military Honors will be held at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday, January 9, 2010 at Zion Lutheran Church in Glendive with Pastor Avis Anderson officiating. Interment will follow in Dawson Memorial Cemetery in Glendive. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements. John was born on October 21, 1928 in Glendive the son of Stephen and Edna (Kell) Chouinard. He was raised and educated in Glendive graduating from Dawson County High School with the class of 1947. John entered the United States Army in October 1950, served in Korea, and was honorably discharged from the military in September 1952. After returning to Montana John was employed with Montana Dakota Utilities Pipeline Transmissions Department. John's department was responsible for laying the large gas lines between towns in Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wyoming, during that time John served as a negotiator for the International Brotherhood of Electrical workers. In 1972 John changed jobs for Montana Dakota Utilities becoming a Service Man until his retirement after 45 years in 1994. John was instrumental in starting the MDU retiree's breakfast. John married Marian Kalloch on December 5, 1953 in Glendive. The home that the couple were to live in was built by John, they had resided in Glendive since that time. John loved hunting, fishing, gardening and agate hunting. He made macrame lawn chairs, had served as the president of the local Good Sam Club and enjoyed helping

with community projects. John was recognized for his hours of community service by MDU with a cash award that John donated back to the community. He was instrumental in completing and maintaining the Gazebo Park in Glendive, for his efforts, John was awarded the Key To The City and a park bench and tree dedicated in his honor. John helped build the area baseball and softball fields, and coached girl's softball. John was a life member of the Glendive Elks Lodge #1324. He was an active member of Zion Lutheran Church serving as Deacon, Council President, Choir Member and also teaching Sunday School. He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters and one brother. Survivors include his wife Marian of Glendive; one son Bruce Chouinard and his wife Marilyn of St. Cloud, Minnesota; one daughter, Jolene (Jody) Heltemes and friend Greg Int-Hout of Glendive; six grandchildren; four great grandchildren; two sisters, Judy Rice and her husband Steve of Glendive, Billie Witt of Billings, Montana and numerous nieces and nephews. Memorials are suggested to: Zion Lutheran Church, Sagebrush Senior Center or Glendive Gateway Museum all of Glendive. Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at: [www.silve-rnale-silhafuneralhome.com](http://www.silve-rnale-silhafuneralhome.com)

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