



John Gibbons

January 1, 1928 - October 24, 2008

GLENDIVE, MONTANA: John M. Gibbons, 79, closed his eyes for his eternal rest on Saturday, October 18, 2008 at the Eastern Montana Veterans Home in Glendive, Montana, surrounded by people who loved him. A Memorial Mass with military honors will be held at 2:00 P. M. on Friday, October 24, 2008 at the Eastern Montana Veterans Home in Glendive, with Father Joseph Ponessa officiating. Interment will be in the Big Sandy Cemetery in Big Sandy, Montana. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is entrusted with arrangements. John was born on November 14, 1928 in Plentywood, Montana to John J. and Inez (Benedicts) Gibbons and was the only child. John's family moved to Big Sandy, Montana when John was a small child. He graduated from Big Sandy High School in 1949. John entered the Army right out of High School on June 1, 1949 and served his time in Guam during the Korean conflict until he was honorably discharged in November, 1952. John came back to Big Sandy, Montana and went to work for the Great Northern Railroad until his position was eliminated. He then went to work for a trucking company out of Washington and worked for them doing deliveries on the Highline. John did a variety of handyman jobs for everyone in the Big Sandy area. John loved to travel and was a great photographer. He also had a great appreciation for music. John was a volunteer fireman for the Big Sandy fire department and loved to tell stories about the different fires that happened in the area. Weather watching was his true love, he served as a weather watchman for 20 years for the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration. He was

recognized and received awards for his documentation. John loved to have his Big Sandy Mountaineer paper read to him and we would read it from the front cover to the back and we included the ads in the readings. He enjoyed the Big Sandy basketball team write ups and would recognize names of people he knew from the kids playing on the teams. John was a member of the Big Sandy Elks, Knights of Columbus and the Veterans of Foreign War. John may have left Big Sandy, but Big Sandy never left him. John is preceded in death by his parents. John is only survived by all of us who cared for him and loved him the last 11 years at the Eastern Montana Veterans Home. Remembrances and condolences can be shared with his friends at: www.silvernale-silhafuneralhome.com

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“ *John Gibbons*

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