



## John Jacob Rieger

July 14, 1914 - July 14, 2009

Glendive, Montana: John Jacob Rieger, 94, died on July 8, 2009 at the Eastern Montana Veterans Home in Glendive. Visitation will be from 1:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M. and from 6:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. on Monday, July 13, 2009 and from 9:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M. on Tuesday, July 14, 2009 at the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Tuesday, July 14, 2009 at the Evangelical Church of North America in Glendive with James O'Connor officiating. Interment with military honors will be in the Dawson Memorial Cemetery in Glendive. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is entrusted with the arrangements. John was born on July 14, 1914 in New Leipzig, North Dakota the son of Adolph and Lydia (Freier) Rieger. He moved with his family to the "Pepper Place" about 6 miles west of Plevna, Montana. He attended schools at Korth Carrington and Westmore graduating from the 8th grade with the class of 1929. John later went on to earn his GED in Great Falls, Montana. John was drafted into the United States Army in February of 1941 and served with the 148th Field Artillery Service Battery during WWII. While on furlough he married Dorothy Dunlap on February 14, 1945. John received an honorable discharge from military service on August 4, 1945. He and his wife returned to Montana to the family ranch where they remained until 1960 when John sold his interest in the ranch and they moved to Miles City, Montana where they lived for 2 years. They moved to Great Falls where John was employed with the Benton Lake National Bird Refuge until 1973 when he transferred to the Hart Mountain

National Refuge in southeast Oregon where they remained until 1975. They later moved to the Sacramento Bird Refuge near Willows, California until John's retirement in 1977. Following his retirement, John was employed by the Nalley Farm, located on an island in the Puget Sound, where he worked as a caretaker. John and Dorothy returned to Montana to the Plevna area in 1981, later to Ismay, Montana and in 1990 to Glendive where they have resided since. John loved watching all kinds of birds and he also enjoyed fishing. He had been very active in the Evangelical Church of North America in Glendive. John was preceded in death by his parents, 6 brothers, Leon, Edwin, Paul, Ben, Dick and Bud and 6 sisters, Lorene, Marie, Dorothea, Phina, Ruth and Ruby. Survivors include his wife Dorothy of Glendive, one son, Mike Rieger and his wife Bonnie of Glendive; two daughters, Rosemary Nunn and her husband Charles "Tuffy" of Lingle, Wyoming and Deborah Grantham and her husband Ezra of Shepherd, Montana; one brother, Ted Rieger and his wife Arlys of Billings, Montana; four sisters, Claudia Lausch of Alberton, Montana, Lily Kay True of Seattle, Washington, Elsie Henderson and her husband Wolf of Escondido, California and Erna Miller and her husband Les of Baltimore, Maryland; 7 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren. 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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