Joseph "Joe" Hathaway

September 10, 1923 - January 22, 2011

Glendive, Montana: Joseph "Joe" Hathaway, age 87 passed away on Monday, January 17, 2011 at his home in Glendive. Private visitation was held from 2:00 P.M. until 5:00 P.M. on Tuesday, January 18, 2011 at the chapel of the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. A Vigil service will be held at 7:00 P.M. on Friday, January 21, 2011 at the chapel of the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. A Memorial Mass will be held at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday, January 22, 2011 at Sacred Heart Catholic church in Glendive with Father Joseph Ponessa officiating. Rite of Committal with military honors will be held in Dawson Memorial Cemetery in Glendive. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements. Joe was born on September 10, 1923 in LeMars, Iowa the son of Ernest and Pearl Hathaway. He was raised and educated in Iowa, graduating from high school in LeMars with the class of 1941. Joe was drafted into the United States Army in March of 1943 and served in the Army Air Corp in the European Theatre of World War II. He served in combat with the 306th Bomb Group of the 8th Air Force. Joe's unit was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation and Joe was awarded the Air Medal 5 times for serving on the lead crew of the B17 bombers. Upon his discharge from military service in 1945, Joe came to Glendive where he and his brother Mel bought the Red Trail Meat Market. Joe was recalled into military service when the Korean War broke out and served as an Air Communication Flight Instructor. Following his discharge from service in the Korean War, Joe became an agent for the New York Life Insurance Company.

He Qualified for the Million Dollar Round Table his first year in the business and every year thereafter until his retirement in 1988. In 1949, Joe was engaged to Patricia Rice, whom he said was the "nicest and prettiest girl in Glendive." They were married later that same year and to this union seven children were born, Patricia Jo, Mark, Pete, Molly, Ann, Teresa and Paul. Joe had served on the original Board of Directors of the Glendive Community Hospital and served as Chairman of the Board of the Glendive Public Library when it was moved from the basement of the Dawson County Courthouse to its present location. Joe was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Mark; and one son - in - law, Gary Pagnotta; four brothers, Harold, Mel, Bob, and Jack; and one sister, Mary. Survivors include his wife Patricia of Glendive, Patty Jo Pagnotta of Stevensville, Montana; Molly (Scott) Reed of Phoenix, Arizona; Ann (Ron) Frazer of Billings, Montana; and Teresa (Mike) Roe of Glendive; sons, Pete (Marlo) of Tucson, Arizona; and Paul (Colleen) of Madison, Wisconsin; brother, Jerry (Helen) of Sacramento, California; twelve grandchildren, three great grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews. Memorials are suggested to the Glendive Hospice, 202 Prospect Drive, Glendive, Montana 59330; and the Glendive Public Library, 200 S. Kendrick Ave, Glendive, Montana 59330. Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at: www.silvernale-silhafuneralhome.com

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