



## Lavern Pettersen

July 10, 1933 - January 3, 2009

GLENDIVE, MONTANA: Lavern Roger Pettersen, age 75, passed away on Tuesday, December 23, 2008 at the Eastern Montana Veterans Home in Glendive. A memorial service will be held at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday January 3, 2009 at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Glendive with Pastor James Hageman officiating. Interment with military honors will follow in the Dawson County Cemetery in Glendive. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with arrangements. Lavern was born on July 10, 1933, the son of G.H. "Stumpy" and Margaret (Iehl) Pettersen in Bloomfield, Montana. He attended the Twin Buttes Grade School in Bloomfield, the Washington Elementary School in Glendive and graduated from Dawson County High School in Glendive with the class of 1952. He attended Wahpeton School of Science in Wahpeton, North Dakota and Dawson Community College in Glendive before entering the United States Army in September of 1953. Lavern married JoAnn Rilla on September 12, 1953 in Glendive. Lavern and JoAnn lived in California while he was in the military and upon his honorable discharge in 1955 they returned to Glendive. At different times between the late 1960's and 1982, Lavern had owned and operated Carter Oil Co., Humble Oil Co., the Chevron Bulk dealership and Interstate Chevron in Glendive before purchasing a ranch near Glendive in the early 1980's. He continued ranching until his retirement in 1997. Lavern was a member of the Glendive Moose Lodge #949 and the Glendive Elks Lodge #1324. He served on the Dawson County Fair Board, the Glendive Chamber of Commerce Board of

Directors, the GATE Committee, the Range Committee, the Caviar Committee and as President of the Our Savior Lutheran Church Council. The most important thing in Lavern's life was his family and making sure that they were taken care of. Throughout the years, Lavern raised horses and red angus cows. His latest favorite past time was driving his teams of horses and wagons for various festivities, charities and activities. He enjoyed having coffee with "the guys", playing pinochle and building and fixing almost anything. Lavern was a very loving husband, father and grandfather. Lavern was preceded in death by his parents and his sister Maxine. Survivors include his wife JoAnn, one daughter Loni Hanzlik of Glendive; one son Brad Pettersen and his wife Bev of Glendive; five grandchildren, Jason Hanzlik and his wife Michelle, Amanda Hanzlik, Rilee Pettersen, Josey Madler and Kallie Madler; three brothers, Gary Pettersen and his wife Marie, of Mt. Arlington, New Jersey, Duane Pettersen and his wife Shirley of Missoula, Montana, Jim Pettersen of Glendive and numerous nieces and nephews. Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at: [www.silvernalesilhafuneralhome.com](http://www.silvernalesilhafuneralhome.com).

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