



Luke Thomas Dunkerley

July 17, 1919 - September 11, 2004

Luke Thomas Dunkerley, age 85, passed away at Highline Hospital in Seattle, Washington on Thursday, August 5th, 2004. A public memorial service in honor of Luke's life will be held at 2:00 P.M., Saturday, September 11, 2004 at the Dawson County Cemetery in Glendive. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is entrusted with arrangements. Luke was born on July 17, 1919 in Paterson, New Jersey to Thomas H. and Katherine Seaton Dunkerley; grew up in Montana. He enlisted in the Army Air Corps 1940 and became crew chief of a C47 in a transport squadron. Luke graduated from Cadets in May 1943. He flew 25 combat missions with 390th Bomb Group as First Lieutenant in a B-17 between October 1943 and March 1944. Luke left military service as a Captain in the U.S. Army Air Force in August of 1945, but later became a fighter pilot in the Air National Guard. He spent his civilian career as an air traffic controller and instructor with the FAA. Luke has resided in Oklahoma, Montana, Texas, Washington, Oregon and California, among other states. He had just celebrated his 85th birthday with his entire family three days before his death. Luke will be buried with next to his wife of 57 years, Marguerite LaVerne Dunkerley, in their hometown of Glendive, Montana. He is survived by his son-in-law, Jon Magnussen of Bellevue, Washinton; two grandsons, Jeff and his wife Sarah Magnussen of Long Beach, California, and Michael and his wife Theresa Magnussen and great-granddaughters, Mackenzie and Marissa Magnussen, all of Bellevue, Wshington.

Tribute Wall



“ *Luke Thomas Dunkerley*

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