



Merrick V. Benes

April 22, 1918 - August 7, 2003

Merrick Vladimir Benes, age 85, of Glendive, died on Sunday, August 3, 2003 at the Glendive Medical Center in Glendive of pneumonia. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 A.M., Thursday, August 7, 2003 at the Chapel of the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Glendive with Pastor Avis Anderson officiating. Interment will be in the Dawson Memorial Cemetery in Glendive. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is entrusted with arrangements. Merrick was born on April 22, 1918, fifteen miles southeast of Richey on the homestead of his parents, Antonia and Frank Benes. Both of his parents immigrated from Czechoslovakia, Frank in 1905 and Antonia in 1912. At the age of seven, Merrick contracted polio. His mother used her healing skills and was able to save his leg. During the 1930's, Merrick worked on the Fort Peck Dam. He attended Morning Side Country School and graduated from Richey High School with the class of 1938. He then began farming with his father and in 1944 purchased a farm five miles south of Richey. Merrick met Lorraine Knutson at a dance in Richey and they were united in marriage on November 16, 1947 in Richey. Together they expanded the farm and raised three daughters, Laurel, Deborah and LaDonna. During this time he also served on the school board and the A.S.C. Board. Merrick was proud farmer of sixty-five years. Throughout his life, Merrick loved to talk politics and was an avid Democrat. He especially enjoyed dancing. All his life he appreciated nature, especially the deer, birds, the farm cats. He loved his cattle and they knew him when he called. Even after retiring, he made many trips to his farm

keeping active by taking care of his trees, equipment and generally enjoying being out in the country that he loved. He also enjoyed his grandchildren and great grandchildren who all live in Montana. Merrick is preceded in death by his parents; and his grandson, Ryan Toomey. Merrick is survived by his wife, Lorraine, of Glendive; three daughters, Laurel (Tom) Toomey of Glendive, Deborah (Mike) Novak of Billings and Rev. LaDonna Benes (Kim Tetens) of St. Paul, Minnesota ; four granddaughters, Jennifer (Dave) Stoner, Melissa (Patrick) Skillestad, Andrea (Tom) Mowat and Jenna Novak; two grandsons, Aaron and Brett Novak; great granddaughters, Julia Stoner, Averie and Brecken Skillestad; great grandsons, Jack Stoner and Douglas Mowat; his brother, Joe Benes of Richey and his sister, Hanna Goss of Sidney. My dearest husband, dad, grandfather, you may be gone for a moment from our sight, but you will live on in our hearts forever. Your loving wife, Lorraine.

Tribute Wall



“ *Merrick V. Benes*

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