



## N.T. "Ted" Langemo

December 23, 1923 - March 8, 2013

Billings, Montana: Nickolaie Theodore "Ted" Langemo, age 89, formerly of Glendive, Montana passed away on Sunday, March 3, 2013 at the Tender Nest Assisted Living in Billings, surrounded by his family. Memorial Services will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Friday, March 8, 2013 at the United Methodist Church in Glendive with Pastor Ruth McKenzie officiating. Private family interment will be in the Dawson County Cemetery in Glendive. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements. Ted was born prematurely on December 23, 1923 to Beatrice Parker Langemo and Theodore Langemo on the homestead at Watkins, near Brockway, Montana. Because of his tiny size, he spent his early days in a shoebox on the warm oven door as a makeshift incubator. He was the oldest of six children; brothers, Donald, Edward, and James and sisters, Edith and Helen. Ted and his mother both had a love for learning. Because he was a good reader and great with numbers, his mother called him her "little professor" and he was their only child to get a college degree. He graduated from Brockway High School at age sixteen and entered Eastern Montana College at age seventeen, where he received a two-year teaching certificate. He got his first teaching and coaching job in Terry, Montana. Over the next several years, he earned both Bachelor's and Master's degrees in education and administration. While in Terry, he met his first love, Lillian Jones. They married in 1944 and then moved to another teaching position in Hinsdale, Montana for two years, where their first child, Linda was born. They then

moved back to Terry where he continued teaching and coaching basketball and four more children were born, Nikki, Larry, Shelley, and Jeffrey. Tragedy struck early in their marriage with the death of their 6-week-old son, Larry, and three years later with the death of his young 25-year-old wife, Lillian. Ted was fortunate to find another love in his life with Leone Kolberg, a fellow teacher from Pettibone, North Dakota. They married in 1953 and moved the family to Bridger, Montana where Ted taught math and history to many junior high students, including some of his oldest children. He was quite the jokester in class and was a popular teacher with both his students and peers. While in Bridger, they added three daughters to their family, Deborah, Suzanne, and Sandra. Twelve years later, he accepted a superintendent position in Lambert, Montana for two years and then spent the remainder of his career as a principal in Glendive. He had a 36-year career in education in the state of Montana. We fondly remember him as a loving father who was always busy around the house and yard. He was a handyman and could repair and fix most anything. He also kept busy with extra jobs to help support his large family. During the school year he worked as a referee at many basketball games, which was a sport he played his two years at EMC. He also kept the scores for bowling teams and kept the financial records for the local ditch company. In the summer months, he monitored the wheat acreage program and supervised the migrant children's education program. Ted's greatest passion was cars, as evidenced by the 118 different cars he owned in his lifetime. He loved selling, buying and trading cars and reading car magazines. We never knew what car we would find parked in front of our house but always enjoyed the Sunday rides in the "new" car. Ted was an excellent dancer and he and Leone spent many happy times with friends at dances. We can still picture them out on the dance floor dancing to "In the Mood." Ted belonged to several civic organizations, including the Elks, Lions, Kiwanis, Toastmasters, and PTA. Ted was a member of the Glendive United Methodist Church and served on many committees. He was chairman of the Glendive Medical Center Board of Trustees and president of the Montana Elementary

Principal's Association. The young family took many summer vacations and due to Ted's love of history, they visited many of the historical sites in the western U.S. In their retirement years, Ted and Leone traveled extensively in the U.S. and Canada, plus trips to England, France, Sweden, Italy, and Mexico, and enjoyed Caribbean and Hawaiian cruises. Ted very recently lost his loving wife, Leone, who passed away on January 24, 2013. He was also preceded in death by his first wife Lillian and their infant son, Larry, as well as his brothers, Donald, James, and Edward and his sister, Helen. He will be lovingly remembered by his seven children; Linda (Jim) Anderson of Billings, Nikki (Wayne) Stahley of Billings, Shelley (Larry) Angel of Bedford, Texas, Jeffrey (Carol) Langemo of Townsend, Montana, Deborah (Greg) McGovern of Glendive, Suzanne Kolberg (Dan Scherger – deceased) of Albuquerque, New Mexico and Sandra Delamater of Glendive. He is also survived by twelve grandchildren, sixteen great-grandchildren, his sister, Edith (Frank) Carter of San Antonio, Texas, and many nieces and nephews. Ted's family would like to give special thanks to the caring staff at Tender Nest and Rocky Mountain Hospice in Billings. Their compassion and kindness to Ted and all of the family will always be remembered. Memorials are suggested to the Glendive Medical Center Foundation. Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at: [www.silvernale-silhafuneralhome.com](http://www.silvernale-silhafuneralhome.com).

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