



Orian "Ode" Cusker

December 25, 1914 - September 23, 2004

Orian "Ode" Cusker, age 89, of Glendive, left this earth to join his wife, Sally, in heaven on Sunday, September 19, 2004. He peacefully passed away at the Glendive Medical Center. Orian was born on December 25, 1914 in Wolf Point, Montana, the son of Sig and Lillian (Pipal) Cusker. He grew up on the family ranch on Sand Creek in northern McCone County and graduated from high school in Wolf Point. Ode married Cella "Sally" Nelson on February 19, 1939 at the Nelson family home near Vida, Montana. Ode was a graduate of the University of Montana in Missoula with a degree in forestry. In July 1943 he was inducted into the Army and served in France, Belgium, Germany and the Phillipines during WW II. After being honorably discharged, he worked for the Soil Conservation Service in Circle, Montana and later in Glendive. He also resided with his family in Dickinson, North Dakota and Lemmon, South Dakota where he was the district ranger for the Custer National Grasslands. Following his retirement, Ode and Sally enjoyed the sunshine of Sun City West, Arizona and the view of the mountains and wildlife from their cabin in Red Lodge, Montana. Ode had resided at the Eastern Montana Veterans Home in Glendive for the past 1 ½ years. Ode was a true cowboy at heart. He broke horses in his younger years and continued throughout his life to be a very skilled horseman. He loved being outdoors, whether it was working around the yard, hunting, fishing or back packing into the mountains; he was right at home with nature. Ode was preceded in death by his parents, wife, Sally, two infant sisters and one adult sister, Alta McIntyre. Survivors include

his daughter, Nicki Dufner and her husband Jim of Glendive; two sons, Scott Cusker and his wife Joanne of Glendale, Arizona and Rodney Cusker and his wife Debra of El Cajon, California; his sister, Iris David of Victorville, California; five grandchildren, Tana McCall and her husband Dave of Farmington, New Mexico, Ty Dufner and his wife Cindy of Miles City, Montana, Mirriah Elliott and her husband Andy of Denver, Colorado, Kit Cusker and Devin Cusker, of Denver, Colorado; four great grandchildren, Shay Davis and Shilo McCall of Farmington, New Mexico and Syrell and Mathias Dufner of Miles City, Montana; numerous nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 A.M., Thursday, September 23, 2004 in the Zion Lutheran Church in Glendive with Pastor Paul Everett officiating. Interment with military honors will be in the Dawson Memorial Cemetery in Glendive. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is entrusted with arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ *Orian "Ode" Cusker*

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