



Orville Svingen

February 13, 2004

A memorial service for Orville P. Svingen, 84, will be conducted at 11:00 A.M., Friday, February 13, 2004 at the Zion Lutheran Church in Glendive with Pastors Paul Everett and Avis Anderson officiating. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is in charge of the arrangements. Mr. Svingen, who died Friday, February 6, 2004, was born to P.O. "Pete" Svingen and Laurretta Norstad Svingen on his family's homestead 12 miles northwest of Savage, Montana. He attended rural elementary school, and he graduated from Savage High School in 1937. He attended Bottineau School of Forestry in Bottineau, ND. Orville married Inez Johnson in 1941, and he and Inez, his wife of 62 years, made Glendive their home ever since. From 1939 to 1946, he farmed part-time northwest of Savage, and from 1941 to 1946 he was a machinist's helper on the Northern Pacific Railroad. Between 1946 and 1953, he owned and operated the Glendive Taxi Service, and from 1950 to 1996, he worked for Pioneer Mutual Life Insurance Company as a general agent. Orville was a long-time member of Zion Lutheran Church where he served as a deacon and a trustee. He was also the church stewardship chairman for many years. Many Lutherans and non-Lutherans alike will remember him as one of the most active ticket salesman for the annual Lutefisk Dinner sponsored by Zion Lutheran. Mr. Svingen was a devoted family man, committed to caring for his wife and his family. A man about town who combined a business suit with cowboy boots, he will be missed by his Jordan Hotel and Friday night coffee pals and by his many friends and business

associates who enjoyed his warm smile, his sense of humor, and his entertaining storytelling. Survivors include his wife, Inez; and three children: a daughter, Sonja Johnson of Billings and her husband Skip; a son, Orlan J. Svingen of Pullman, WA; and a daughter, Kirsten Weinberger of Glendive, and friend Allan Goll; a brother, Russell Svingen of Eugene, Oregon; and two sisters, Manda Murray of Springfield, Oregon, and Virginia Dean of Livermore, California; six grandchildren: Danelle Rodefer of Miles City, MT; Gregg Svingen of Brussels, Belgium; Kristoffer Svingen of Chisinau, Moldova; Molly Ayre-Svingen of Bellingham, WA; Amy Weinberger of Billings, MT; and Cole Weinberger of Phoenix, Arizona; and three great grandsons: Joshua and Logan Rodefer; and Connor Gaughan. Orville was preceded in death by his parents, Peder O. Svingen and Laretta Norstad Svingen, and by his brother Robert Svingen and two sisters, Pauline Bawden and Marie Hicks. Memorial contributions may be made to Zion Lutheran Church, 401 Riverview, Glendive, MT 59330 or to the Glendive Medical Center-Hospice at 202 Prospect Drive, Glendive, MT 59330.

Tribute Wall



“ *Orville Svingen*

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