



Ralph J. Holderman

September 15, 1917 - March 22, 2011

Glendive, Montana: Ralph J Holderman, age 93, passed away Friday, March 18, 2011 at his home in Glendive. Visitation will be held from 10:00 A.M. until 11:00 A.M. on Tuesday, March 22, 2011 at the White Chapel Mennonite Church in Glendive. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Tuesday, March 22, 2011 at the White Chapel Mennonite Church in Glendive with Pastor Neville Peterson officiating. Interment will be at the Red Top Mennonite Cemetery in Bloomfield, Montana. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements. Ralph was born on September 15, 1917 in Brandon, Colorado, the son of Charles Arthur and Sarah Elizabeth (Heatwole) Holderman. He was raised and educated in LaJunta, Colorado, graduating from LaJunta High School in 1936. He attended Hesston College for two years, graduating in 1941. He studied at Upland College from 1942 to 1943, Los Angeles City College from 1946 to 1947 and Los Angeles State College from 1947 to 1953, graduating with a Bachelors in Education. Much later in life he attended Alleghany Community College receiving his Nursing Degree in 1974. During the 1940's Ralph worked at a variety of jobs from California to New York and Colorado to Alaska. From 1948 to 1950 he had his own business, "Ralph's Portable X-ray", and took his portable X-ray machine to patients including Hollywood actors and stuntmen who were injured on the set. Ralph married Naomi Catherine Blough on February 24, 1945. In the early 1950s, Ralph, Naomi and their daughter Ruth moved to Alaska where he taught school in the Shungnak and Deering villages for six years and worked

in the Health Department for three years. While in Alaska, he and Naomi adopted a son, James Keith in January of 1959. The family returned to Los Angeles and in July of 1961 Naomi died in an automobile accident. Ralph married E. Lucille Mullet on December 24, 1961 in Glendive. Ralph and his family moved to Salem, Oregon in 1962 where he taught classes in a technical college for a while before moving to Johnstown, Pennsylvania to teach school at Johnstown Mennonite School. In 1974, Ralph received his Nursing Degree and worked as a nurse in Pennsylvania and Oregon until he retired –for the third time- in the mid 1990s. After his retirement, Ralph and Lucille moved to Glendive where Lucille passed away February 7, 2005. Ralph is preceded in death by his parents; his wife Naomi, second wife Lucille, daughter, Ruth Davidhizar; brothers, George, Darrell, Calvin, Henry, Charles and Kenneth Holderman and adopted sister, Betty. Survivors include his son, Jim (Mary Ann) Holderman of Glendive; son-in-law Ron Davidhizar; step daughter, Cindy Mullet of Glendive; two grandchildren, Amber LaShay and James Keith Jr., two step grandchildren, James Whittet and Patricia Johnson and six great grandchildren. Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at: www.silvernale-silhafuneralhome.com

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