



## Raymond Rittal

December 8, 1925 - December 20, 2005

Raymond Rittal, age 80, of Glendive, passed away on Thursday, December 15, 2005 at his home in Forest Park in Glendive, surrounded by his loving family. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 P.M., Tuesday, December 20, 2005 at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Glendive with Pastor James Hageman officiating. Interment with military honors will be in the Dawson Memorial Cemetery in Glendive. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is entrusted with arrangements. Ray was born on December 8, 1925 in Bowdle, South Dakota, the son of Christian and Christina (Baer) Rittal. He moved to Circle in 1928 with his family and then to Fort Peck in 1934. Ray and his mother moved to Glendive in 1940 and Ray attended Washington School where he graduated from the eighth grade. He attended Dawson County High School until he joined the United States Navy at the age of 17. Ray served as a Fireman First Class aboard the USS Washington in the South Pacific Theater of World War II. He earned two battle stars before the age of 18 and had a total of 14 battle stars when he was discharged from the military in November of 1945. Following his discharge from the Navy, Ray returned to Glendive where he worked for the Northern Pacific Railroad. He moved to Kellogg, Idaho where he worked in the silver mines until he returned to Glendive where he was employed by the Taxi Cab Service. Ray's first date with Irene Sell was a midnight movie at the Rose Theatre in Glendive. They were united in marriage on May 2, 1947 at the Zion Lutheran Church in Glendive. Ray and Irene made their home in Glendive where Ray started his employment with

Montana Dakota Utilities in 1950 at their power plant. He then transferred to the construction unit of M.D.U. which later became Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline. Ray started his career as a pipeline x-ray technician and retired in 1986 as Construction Supervisor. Ray's hobbies included cutting and polishing agates, woodworking and refinishing furniture. He enjoyed fly fishing and loved story telling. Ray was a member of the Glendive Elks Lodge #1324 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1125. He was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers, Bernard, Jacob, Samuel, and Edwin; three sisters, Minnie Wagner, Elsie Gaub and Hulda Young. Survivors include his wife, Irene Rittal of Glendive; his daughters, Susan Rittal of Bullhead City, Arizona and Janet Winhofer and her husband Ric of Billings, Montana; his brother, George Rittal and his wife Katie of Fallon, Montana; two sisters, Eva Hertl of California and Ruth Montgomery of Missouri; four grandchildren, Damein Street and his wife Mahal of Las Vegas, Nevada and Becky, Alis and Devon Winhofer of Billings; one great grandson, Owen Winhofer of Billings, numerous nieces and nephews.

# Tribute Wall



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