



Robert "Bob" Nielsen

April 7, 1924 - May 3, 2013

Glendive, Montana: Robert Bernard "Bob" Nielsen, age 88, passed away on Friday, April 5, 2013 at the Glendive Medical Center in Glendive. A Memorial Mass will be held at 10:00 A.M. on Friday, May 3, 2013 at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Glendive with Father Joseph Ponessa officiating. Rite of Committal will be in the Dawson Memorial Cemetery in Glendive. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements. Bob was born in Langdon, North Dakota on April 7, 1924 to Leland S. and Delima (Monette) Nielsen. As a child he lived in Langdon, Fargo and Jamestown, North Dakota before moving with his family to Glendive in 1939. Bob married Delores Groll on May 14, 1943. They lived briefly in Sidney, Montana and Billings, Montana before returning to make their home in Glendive in 1946. Bob and Delores created their family with the adoption of their daughter, Peggy, in 1956 and their son, Thomas, in 1962. Bob was employed by the Northern Pacific Railroad for thirteen years. He began a career in insurance and real estate in 1955 when he went into partnership with Al S. Erickson and they formed the Erickson-Nielsen Agency. In 1967, he bought Erickson's interest and Nielsen Agency, Inc. was formed. In 1975 the insurance business was sold and Bob continued to work in real estate at Nielsen Realty until he retired in 1986. Throughout his lifetime, Bob was very active in the community. He spent countless hours in community service with the Glendive Lions Club, the Jaycees, the Glendive Elks Lodge and the Red Cross among others. He was the recipient of the Jaycee Outstanding Citizen

Award in 1977. Bob was involved in City and County government, serving as a member of the Dawson County Study Commission, the Dawson County Planning Board, the Glendive Board of Adjustment, the City Council and campaigning for Mayor in 1981. After his retirement, Bob continued to work part-time in property appraisal. He enjoyed traveling in his motor home, especially to family fishing trips at Georgetown Lake. He was an avid gardener and enjoyed many happy hours in his greenhouse. The square-foot gardens he created were beautiful as well as bountiful. Bob was preceded in death by his wife of sixty-three years, Delores; his son, Tom; brothers, Lee and Don and sisters, Janice Johnson and Margaret (who died in childhood). He is survived by his daughter, Peggy and her husband, Ken Pena; his sister, Betty (George) Evans of Billings; brother, Dick (Julie) Nielsen of Tacna, Arizona and Glendive; grandchildren, Kevin (Danae) Pena of Glendive, Carrie Pena of Eden Prairie, Minnesota and Wyatt Nielsen; great-grandsons, Deklan and Karden Pena and numerous nieces and nephews. Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at: www.silvernale-silhafuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Robert "Bob" Nielsen*

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