



Walter L. Dietrich

January 27, 1928 - October 2, 2008

Walter L. Dietrich, age 80, of Glendive, died on Sunday, September 21, 2008 at the Glendive Medical Center in Glendive. Graveside services with military honors will be held on Thursday, October 2, 2008 at 2:00 P.M. in the Dawson Memorial Cemetery in Glendive. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is entrusted with the arrangements. Walter was born on January 27, 1928 in Mandan, North Dakota the son of Leo and Minnie (Frieze) Dietrich. He received his education in Laurel, Montana and Billings Senior in Billings, Montana before entering the United States Navy in 1945, where he earned his GED. Walt was honorably discharged from the military in 1948. He attended college in Utah before moving to Glendive in 1949 where he worked for the Northern Pacific Railroad for a time. Dad then went to work for Montana Dakota Utilities where he worked for 40 years retiring in 1990 as a meter technician. Dad married Beverly A. Mason on November 25, 1950. He was preceded in death by his wife in 2005. Dad was active in the Glendive Elks Lodge #1324 and had served as the Exalted Ruler. Walt had served as a volunteer for the Gate City Fire Department of Glendive from August 14, 1956 until his retirement from active duty on November 1, 1978. He had also been active in the Glendive Fire Department baseball team in the early 1960's, having served as their coach. Dad always enjoyed providing a "nickel tour" of Glendive and the surrounding area for any family or friends that visited this area. Walt had been very active in the Glendive Honor Guard, providing military honors for deceased veterans in the Glendive area. Before Alzheimer's

overtook Dad he loved to play golf, play solitaire and walk the aisles of the grocery store. He was always tinkering in his garage, building gadgets for mom and us kids. Walt was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Beverly; one brother Donald; one sister-in-law Linda Dietrich and one brother-in-law, Jerry Schmuck. Survivors include four sons, Robert Dietrich of Glendive, Paul Dietrich and his wife Jackie of Portland, Oregon, Tom Dietrich of Kuna, Idaho and Fred Dietrich and his wife Wendie of Fort Lupton, Colorado; three daughters, Sandra Koffler and her husband Gary of Glendive, Susan Schnell and her husband Dean of Fergus Falls, Minnesota and Sally Bennett and her husband Jim of Glendive; one brother, Kenneth Dietrich and his wife Jean of Portland, Oregon; 11 grandchildren, Adam, Brian, Scott, Chad, Shawn, Jeff, Brad, Steven, Denise, Ben and Debbie and 10 great grandchildren; his brother-in-law, Charles Mason and his wife Helen of Glendive; his sister-in-law, Madelyn Schmuck of Glendive; three nieces and three nephews.

Tribute Wall



“ *Walter L. Dietrich*

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