

George Russell Winderl

NAME: George Russell Winderl AGE: 92

DATELINE: Glasgow, Montana

DATE OF DEATH: Sunday, October 6, 2013

PLACE OF DEATH: Frances Mahon Deaconess Hospital in Glasgow, Montana

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL: Friday, October 11, 2013, 11a.m. at St. Raphael's Catholic Church in Glasgow, Montana

INTERMENT: Highland Cemetery in Glasgow, Montana

BELL MORTUARY of Glasgow in charge of arrangements.

George Russell Winderl, 92, longtime Valley County resident, passed away on Sunday, October 6th. Catholic services will be held on Friday, October 11th, at 11:00 A.M., at St. Raphael's Church in Glasgow. Interment will be in the Highland Cemetery.

George was born on March 16, 1921, to Theodore and Blanche (Rouse) Winderl. He was the fourth child of ten sons. They lived on a farm just south of Richland. George attended High School through the 8th grade and graduated from Opheim in 1940. George then worked on the family farm until 1942, when he was drafted into the Army. He said he received a certificate that said "You are one of the chosen few". George spent two years in New Guinea living in a tent. He mostly drove truck and said that he never shot a gun while in the service. In December 1945, his company was disbanded and his crew was sent home just shortly before Christmas. He continued to work on the family farm. In 1951, George had a cerebral hemorrhage, and spent some time at Fort Harrison. He returned home to recuperate and the stroke led to limited mobility on his left side for the remainder of this life. This did not keep George down as he continued to operate and work on machinery, custom combined, moved buildings, and all the other duties it takes to run a successful farm. He enjoyed family gatherings, cooking, hunting, and was a collector of guns and coins. In 1957, George and his brother Richard purchased the family farm from their mother. They continued to farm together until George was unable to care for himself at the age of 86. George was on the ASCS Board for a term and on the Farmer's Union Elevator Board for 20 years.

George entered Valley View Home in 2007, and has lived there until his passing. This seemed to be a perfect fit as he made many friends. George loved to visit, play cards, color pictures, tell stories and jokes, play pranks, and made sure all staff was on task and in a timely fashion. He was a caring, fun-loving guy and was always up for a good laugh and enjoyed being the center of the party. George was very good with numbers and had an excellent memory up to the very end.

George was preceded in death by his parents; and brothers Francis, William, Joseph, Steve, Louis, and Charles.

George is survived by his brothers Richard, of the family farm; Harold (Ann) & family of Syracuse, New York; and brother Martin (Janet) & family of San Francisco, California. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews including R.J. (Deb) Winderl; Richard Winderl, and Teresa (Grady) Breipohl of the surrounding area.