



Michael Dougherty

February 5, 1928 - December 29, 2011

Michael Eugene Dougherty, 83 of Columbia Falls, MT, passed away Thursday, December 29, 2011 at Brendan House in Kalispell. Mike was born February 5, 1928 to Guy and Gertrude Dougherty in Gary, South Dakota. He was the youngest of five children. The family settled in Bluegrass, MN and he completed his high school education in Wadena, MN. After serving his country in the US Navy during World War II, he continued his education at the Dunwoody Technical Institution in Minneapolis, MN. He specialized as a newspaper typesetter. After completing his education, he returned to Wadena and worked for the local newspaper. There he met and was united in marriage to Arvilla Chase on September 11, 1953 at St. Hubert's Catholic Church, in Bluegrass, MN. For a short time, they lived in Wolfpoint, MT and Milbank, SD before moving back to Wadena, MN where they raised their family of 10 children. In 1976, they moved to Columbia Falls, MT, where Mike was employed by the Columbia Falls School District as a maintenance worker. He retired in 1991. He enjoyed many hobbies including, woodcarving, gardening, hunting, reading and spending time with friends. His greatest joy was the time he spent with his family. Mike was a wonderful soft spoken man and loving husband, father and grandfather. He touched the lives of many people and will be dearly missed by all his family and friends. Mike is survived by his children, Jim Dougherty of Bigfork, MT, Vicky Finck (Gene) of Verndale, MN, Patti Beach of Columbia Falls, MT, Denise Ohs (Gary) of Whitefish, MT, Doug Dougherty (Conni) of Columbia Falls, MT,

Gregg Dougherty (Davina) of St. Ignatius, MT, Pam Roesner (Larry) of Columbia Falls, MT, Becky West (Winfield) of Columbia Falls, MT, Tracy Dougherty of Columbia Falls, MT, many grandchildren and great grandchildren and his sisters Margaret Kern and Kay Budig. Mike is preceded in death by his parents, wife, Arvilla, son Mike and two sisters, Anna Rose Dougherty and Babe (Veronica) Keimig.

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“ To all of Mikes's children I send my deepest sympathies....I have only fond memories of Mike and as I was growing up on County Road 104 in Wadena they were childhood neighbors of ours and no one could have asked for better friends and neighbors...what good memories I have...I'm sure they are all looking down on us and watching over us. May God hold you all in the palm of His hands...sending prayers to you all..

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