



Marshall Gray passed away April 10th at the Evergreen Care Center. He was born May 19, 1917 to Kyle and Polly Gray at Pablo, MT. He attended schools at Ronan and enrolled at Montana State College in 1935 in Mechanical Engineering.

World War II and Pearl Harbor, he and every eligible student enlisted. Marshall joined the Sea Bees and went directly to Kodiak Island, Alaska to build air fields and dredge harbors for the big ships. Sept. 19, 1943 he returned to Bozeman and married his college sweetheart Anna Christensen of Dillon, MT. They were married in the Hope Lutheran Church where they met.

War raging, he was hired by Peter Hewitt Construction as production engineer on the Rangor Ammunitions Depot on the Olympic Peninsula. He applied for a commission in the U.S. Navy. It was granted and he was shipped directly to Okinawa as a dredging engineer.

At war's end, he returned to Montana to his wife and two year old son. He moved to Seeley Lake and built Gray Lumber Co. In twenty years as operator and owner he built a million dollar plant that he lost in a disastrous fire in 1965. While in business in Seeley Lake he helped build the Blackfoot Church. He was on the Seeley Lake and Missoula Co. school boards. Through his efforts he built a new grade school and Seeley-Swan High School for Seeley Lake.

He moved to Canada in 1967 and for 20 years built and operated mills in B.C. and Alberta, Canada. He retired in 1984 and moved to Bozeman and built his home in the Reese Cr. Community. He helped upgrade the Spring Hill Presbyterian Church, he was fire chief at Reese Cr., spent 14 years working for Habitat for Humanity and established a Habitat Re Store. He was awarded citizen of the year by Gov. Judy Martz for his dedication to Habitat.

He loved to travel. He enjoyed a guided tour of South America by his Peace Corp. son. He and Ann celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in a trip to Scandinavia and Europe. He never missed a big game hunting season.

He passed away peacefully after four years of dementia in the care of his beloved wife Ann, after 62 years of marriage.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Kyle and Polly Gray, infant sister Naomi and brother, Herschel. He is survived by his wife, Ann, son, Jerry (Margaret) Gray, five grandchildren, Eileen, John, Kate, Dan and Bonnie, all of Bozeman; sister, Marsha (Jack) Jensen and 4 children Stephanie, Jackie, Kim of Winnet, and Heidi (Shaun) Lesnick of Roundup; also sister-in-law June Gray and daughter, Sheila Ford, Robin, Alan, Terri Gray of Great Falls.

A memorial service will be held April 21st, 2:00 at Springhill Presbyterian Church. The family wishes to express grateful thanks to Dr. Sonnenberg and the caring nurses of Deaconess Hospital and Evergreen Care Center. Marshall's greatest gift to this area was his service to Habitat for Humanity. In lieu of flowers, family requests a donation to Habitat in his memory.