



**R**andall C. Bender, 87, formerly of Wiggins, Colorado, died Friday, August 13, 2010 in Bozeman, Montana. He was born in 1923 in New Hampton, Missouri, to Walter and Maude Bender.

He graduated from New Hampton High School in 1940 and worked in Colorado until joining the military. During World War II, he served as an Army engineer in Europe.

In 1947, Randall married Marjorie Pomeroy of Atwood, Colorado, and farmed in Missouri until returning to Colorado in 1956.

After farming in the Sterling and Merino, Colorado, areas for several years, Randall and Marjorie and their four children moved to the Wiggins area where he was involved in farming and ranching for over 40 years. Randall was a member of the Wiggins Rotary International, Elks Lodge No. 1336, and American Legion Post 87. He served on the Wiggins Telephone Association board, First State Bank board, and the Wiggins Community Church board. Randall earned his private pilot's license and flew for many years.

He enjoyed golf, games, and being with his family. Over the years, he and Marjorie hosted seven international exchange students and traveled abroad extensively.

After retiring, Randall and Marjorie moved to Greeley, Colorado, in 1993. In October 2008, they moved to Manhattan, Montana.

He is survived by his wife, Marjorie; children, Debra (Dan) Kahl of Idaho Falls, Idaho, Janet (Richard) Keigley of Bozeman, Montana, Bradley (Andrea) Bender of Draper, Utah, and Steven (Laurie) Bender of Parker, Colorado; seven grand children; and one great-granddaughter.