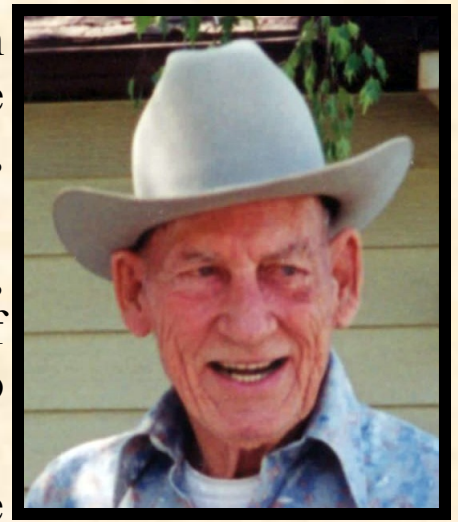


**R**ichard Runnion, 85, passed away in Bozeman, Montana on August 11, 2010. He was born November 26, 1924 in Glasgow, Montana to Ray and Fern (Rager) Runnion.



Richard attended grade school in Chinook, Montana, and high school in Malta, where he was a member of the 1940 State B Football Champion Team. He also played basketball and participated in track.

He joined the US Navy during World War II. He served as a Gunners Mate on the Light Cruiser USS Birmingham in the South Pacific, which took three major battle hits. He was wounded in the second battle of the Philippines, for which he was awarded the Purple Heart.

Following the war, he was employed by Montana Power Company, wiring the south end of Havre, and worked at the Marony Dam in Great Falls. He also worked on road construction around the state for many years.

Richard was a life-time member of the Fraternal Order of the Eagles. He loved traveling and meeting new people, and he never met a dog he didn't like. He rode race horses at Fairs throughout the state. He also loved ice skating, boating, and fishing. He was a life-long picker and collector, and enjoyed spending time tinkering in his garage.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Joe (Mable) Runnion, and John Runnion; sisters, Rosa (Walt) Pederson, Esther (George) Seaman, Yolanda (Ed) Mueller; wives, Laura (Barsanti) Runnion; Jean (Wilson) Runnion; brothers-in-law, John Seaman, Lee England, and Jack Dungan.

Richard is survived by his daughter, Teresa (Perry) Miller, Havre, MT; sons, Ken (Sharon Tholt) Runnion, and Doug (Mirafe) Runnion, all of Bozeman; grandchildren, Wade Miller, Havre, MT; Jenny Miller, Las Vegas, NV; Wendy (Paul) Galvin, Bend, OR; Bradley (Raelyn Mathies) Runnion, Helena, MT; and Alexa Runnion, Bozeman. Also surviving are sisters, Ellen Seaman, Chinook, MT; Jean Bosch, Trout Creek, MT; Rita (Joe) Cancellare, Missoula, MT; sisters-in-law, Josephine England, Havre, MT and Dorothy (Runnion) Tordick, Big Sandy, MT; and many loving nieces and nephews.

Services and interment will be in Havre, Montana . Memorials may be made to a charity of choice.