



**G**erald Delin, 88, of Bozeman passed away Wednesday, December 15, 2010 of complications while being treated at Billings Clinic.

He was born October 4, 1922 in Webster, Wisconsin, the son of Herman and Christina Delin. Gerald lived two years in northern Minnesota, then spent part of his high school freshman year in Eagle River, Wisconsin, and graduated from Webster High School in 1940.

He enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1942, going overseas in February, 1943, and back to the States in October 1945. He served in World War II in the South Pacific islands including the Islands of Samoa to Iwo Jima. After the war, Gerald attended the University of Wisconsin in Madison and worked for his father in the timber business until January 1947. During this time he married Marie Maas on

August 28, 1945 in Madison, Wisconsin.

They moved to Bozeman in 1947, where he was Superintendent for Corcoran Pulpwood Company until 1968. He then spent one and a half years building a charcoal plant in Polson, Montana. From 1971 to 1976 he was employed as Woods Manager for Townsend Lumber Company, and then Woods Manager for Wickes Forest Industries until his retirement in August 1983.

He helped implement many changes in the harvesting of timber, all for more efficiency in bringing trees from the woods to the saw mill. During these years in the timber business he supplied many Christmas trees for his children's schools. From 1983 until the late 90's he worked for and with his son-in-law, mainly doing snow removal.

Gerald had many interests. He was an avid bowler and golfer. He was President of the Sons of Norway, and for many years in charge of their Annual Lutefisk dinner. He made beautiful wood carvings and conducted a carving class for this organization's members. He also enjoyed cooking and baking and competing at the Winter Fair, where one year, he won the Cupboard of Champions for his famous sugar cookies. Gerald, his wife, and sister, Iris traveled to all 50 states. He especially enjoyed visiting the National Parks and monuments. He was a member of the Bozeman Elks, Gallatin Council on Aging, and served on the Legacy Legislature. Gerald and Marie were longtime members of the Evangelical United Brethren Church and more recently attended Grace Bible Church. Gerald was also the number one fan when attending and cheering on his children and grandchildren in their many activities.

Survivors include, Marie of Bozeman, his wife of 65 years; daughter, Dawn (Don) Wiitala of Longview, WA; daughter, Susan (Jack) Davis of Bozeman; son, Gary (Jeanne) Delin of Bozeman; daughter, Judy (Steve) Allen of Bozeman; granddaughters Lindsey and Kelsey Delin; grandsons, Cooper and Colter Delin, and Eric (Mandy) Allen; step-grandsons, Wade (Leah) Davis and Tate (Devon) Davis; brother, Rodney Delin of Anchorage, AK; and sisters, Marilyn Jordan of Hibbing MN and Iris Nigg Lundin of Savoy, Ill. and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Herman and Christina Delin, and sisters, Marian Corlin, and Margel Carlson.

A memorial service will be held at 10 am Saturday, Dec. 18 in the Fireside Room at Grace Bible Church. Please use the north entrance off Stucky Rd.

Memorials may be made to the Cardiac Rehab Center, c/o Bozeman Deaconess Foundation, 931 Highland Blvd. Suite 3200, Bozeman, MT 59715.