



Elmer Jerke, 87, went to be with the Lord on February 17, 2010. He was born in Gackle, North Dakota on August 31, 1922, to Edward and Matilda (Kramlich) Jerke. He attended schools in North Dakota, Missouri, Shepherd, Montana, and Montana State University.

He served in the Conservation Corps during the depression and then served in the Pacific Theater in the Navy during World War II from 1940-1946.

He was an avid hunter, fisherman, and outdoorsman, and loved visiting with family and friends.

He worked as a surveyor in Bozeman for the Montana Department of Transportation for his entire career. He then served as a greeter at Wal-Mart in Bozeman and as a volunteer at the Bozeman Law and Justice Center.

He is survived by his wife Barbara; children Dennis (Susan) Jerke, Erik (Natalie) Norberg, Anne (Warren) Greydanus, and Kris Norberg. He had eight grandchildren; Allison (Eric) McKee, Ryan (Amy) Jerke, Megan (Dan) Crownover, Krista Greydanus, Ryan Greydanus, Andrew Greydanus, Issac Powers, and Jackson Norberg. He had two great-grandchildren; Bryce Ryan McKee and William Cullen Jerke. Also surviving are numerous nieces and nephews.

Also surviving is his brother Daryl (Bonnie) Jerke; sisters, Alice Schroeber, Delores Engel, Darlene (Leo) Solf, and Joanne (Lyle) Peil. He was preceded in death by his brothers Albert, Arnold, and Damon.

Burial will take place Saturday, February 20, 2010, at Hill Cemetery in Manhattan, at 10 a.m. A memorial service will follow at Belgrade United Reformed Church, 17333 Frontage Road.

Belgrade, MT 59714.

Memorials may be made to Rocky Mountain Hospice, 301 Edelweiss Drive Bozeman, MT 59718.