



Ralph August Herdina, age 85, passed away at his residence on Tuesday, February 6, 2007. Ralph was born August 23, 1921 to Frank and Molly (Zelenka) Herdina in Hilger, Montana..

From 1942 to 1945, Ralph served in the Army of the United States with an Honorable Discharge of the 355th Fighter Group. During this service he was located in Philadelphia, England and Germany.

In 1947, Ralph married Margaret Howell. They farmed north of Belgrade for several years and he worked at Thunem's Husky Service. They then moved to Gallatin Gateway and continued to farm, which led them to their retirement place on Blackwood Road.

Farming and ranching were his lifetime work. He enjoyed breaking and working with horses and cattle. His biggest enjoyment was to help people. In his retirement, you could always find him in his shop tinkering, or putting up hay for himself or neighbors.

Ralph was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret, and his brothers, Glenn and Elmer.

He is survived by his three sons, Dave (Donna) Herdina of Inverness, Montana; Gregg (Rentia) Herdina of Drapper, Utah and Stacy (Kari Arens) Herdina of Bozeman, Montana; his grandchildren, Ryan of Belgrade and Megan of Missoula. He is also survived by his sister Gladys (Fred) Tubb of Belgrade, and by many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, February 12, 2007 at Dokken-Nelson Sunset Chapel. All are welcome for refreshments at Ralph's home, 3515 Blackwood Road, following the service. Memorials may be made to Bozeman Deaconess Hospice, 931 Highland Blvd. Suite 3200, Bozeman, MT 59715