



Joseph A. Stuber

AGE: 97

DATELINE: Glasgow, Montana

DATE OF DEATH: Saturday - January 31, 2015

PLACE OF DEATH: Frances Mahon Deaconess Hospital in Glasgow, Montana

SERVICE: Wednesday – February 4, 2015 at 10:00 A.M. at the St. Albert's Catholic Church in Hinsdale, Montana

INTERMENT: Thoeny Cemetery in Thoeny, Montana

MORTUARY IN CHARGE: Bell Mortuary in Glasgow, MT

Joe was born on October 22, 1917 in his grandmother's house in Thoeny, Mont., the son of Albert and Dorothea (Thoeny) Stuber. He was reared on land homesteaded by his parents near Thoeny and attended "Howard School" built by his father Albert. He was graduated from Hinsdale High School in 1936.

Joe had a knack for anything mechanical and following high school he briefly attended Montana State College in Bozeman where he pursued engineering, however he forestalled getting a degree to advance his skills as a mechanic, welder and jack-of-all-trades. He built two homes and Joe's Garage in Hinsdale and worked there until he volunteered for the Army.

Joe and his cousin Bob Thoeny, enlisted together in May, 1942 with hopes of becoming pilots. Bob died in a POW camp following the fall of Bataan, Philippines, while Joe was assigned to the 28th Ordnance and 12 months later participated in the landings in Morocco at Casablanca and Rabat. As part of the 5th Army Joe saw action in Sicily, the battle for Salerno, Italy and shortly after D-Day his unit entered France through Nice. He was subsequently assigned to the 7th Army and remained with them until Germany surrendered. He spent 28 months in combat areas and was awarded the European Theatre Battle Ribbon with five stars.

Upon his return he continued his garage business in Hinsdale and secured his romance with Patricia Ann Langteau, of St. Paul, Minn. They were married on March 2, 1946 in St. Paul. After a good run of poker and 14-1 billiards, Joe made a deal to purchase the Northern Hotel, Bar, and Parakeet Café from Morris Denham and sold his garage to Eldon Nelson. For 23 years "Pat and Joe's" was a staple business in Hinsdale.

During his years as the proprietor of the saloon, Joe was also the unofficial fire chief, patron to the area's ranch and farm-hands, and arbiter of all matters of local concern. He was a candidate for the state legislature, and a long-time officer of the Montana Tavern Association. Joe was also a life-long member of St. Albert's Catholic Church.

Due to Pat's health they sold the bar and moved to Helena in 1972 where Joe worked at the Placer Hotel and for the City of Helena. When Pat was killed by a hit-and-run driver in 1984, he moved back to Hinsdale. Joe had a heart attack in 2008 followed by a stroke before he left the hospital. After rehab he moved back to Hinsdale, but would leave his beloved home for Nemont Manor in Glasgow about a year later.

Joe was preceded in death by his wife Pat and his daughter Suzanne Marie (Haynes). He was the last survivor of his siblings: Ruby Johnson, Esther Barnard, Allen, Tim, John, Mary Nurmi, and Franklin.

He is survived by his sons: Rick, Joe Jr., and Tom; daughters: Mary Embry and Teresa Burke; and 14 grandchildren: Rick (Gabe, Jenny, Ashley, Daana, and Daniel), Joe, Jr. (Mark), and Tom (Patricia (Cia) and Liza), Mary (Kim) and Teresa (Nicole, Patrick, and Mary); and Suzanne's children (Theresa and Stacey), along with 10 great-grandchildren.

Pall bearers will be: Rick Stuber, Joe Stuber, Jr., Tom Stuber, Mark Stuber, Gabe Stuber, Daniel Stuber and Buster Stuber. His service is Wednesday, February 4, 2015 at 10 am. at the St Albert's Catholic Church in Hinsdale, with interment in the Thoeny Cemetery in Thoeny, Montana. Bell Mortuary of Glasgow is in charge of arrangements. Memorials can be made to the Thoeny Cemetery or the charity of your choice.