

July 30, 2010

## The Life of Marvin Mehlhaff

- Graveside service for Marvin Mehlhaff, 84, of Forbes, was held Monday, July 26, 2010 at Mehlhaff Family Cemetery, southwest of Groton. The Rev. James Koller officiated.
- Military graveside rites were conducted by by Nicholson Gerdon American Legion Post #277.
- He died Friday, July 23, 2010 at Golden Living Center at Groton.



- Marvin Mehlhaff, son of Christoph and Emma (Hoff) Mehlhaff was born October 29, 1925 in McPherson County, near Leola, SD. He attended country school through the eighth grade after which he assisted his parents on the family farm. He joined the United States Army in February of 1945 during World War II, where he rode in the horse mounted Calvary and was later stationed in the Philippine Islands. He was honorably discharged in December of 1946.
- He was united in marriage to Gertrude Knapp in 1947 at Leola. They farmed in that area, later moving to Aberdeen, SD.
- He was then united in marriage to JoAnn Huwe in 1967 at Webster, SD. Together, they had six children. Marv worked in construction, as a salesman, business owner and ended his working career doing what he loved which was riding horseback at Diamond F Cattle Company.
- He enjoyed family, friends, socializing and being around animals. He especially enjoyed anything to do with horses.
- Survivors include two sons, Kenneth (Lisa West) Mehlhaff of Tijeras, NM and Chris (Wendy) Mehlhaff of Westport, SD, three daughters, Barb (Gene) Diekmann of Lakewood, CO, Marva (Scott Schuna) Mehlhaff of St. Paul, MN and Pam (Dillon) Cutler of Frederick, SD, one daughter-in-law, Sally Mehlhaff of Groton, two sisters, Ella Heinz of Ipswich, SD and Edna Hottman of Aberdeen, 14 grandchildren, one great-grandson and several nieces and nephews.
- His parents, one son, Randy (2008) and three sisters, Adeline Kirman, Viola Adams and Anne Garman preceded him in death.
- Casketbearers were Greg Kirman, Larry Kirman, Peter Frank, Tom Gunther, Terry Heinz and Melvin Heinz.