



Obituary

Died: Friday, August 5, 2016

Missoula - Alvin Olsen, age 96, born May 17, 1920 the oldest of 4 sons of Lester H. Olsen SR. and Eleanore Daus, went to be with his Savior on August 5, 2016. Alvin was born, raised, and educated in Illinois. Upon his retirement from the store fixture business, he arrived in Stevensville Montana in 1983 with his first wife Edna to whom he was married for 41 years. Edna died in 1984. Alvin met and married the vivacious Selma Larson who died in 1990. Alvin & Edna had 3 children, Garnet who lives in IL (married Gary Hawk (deceased) and has 2 daughters Kim & Kari), Glen who lives in TN (married Jean Bell and has 2 sons Michael & Brian (wife Jaime)) & Lynnet who lives near Stevensville ,MT (married Craig Thomas and has 1 son Ckye (wife Ashley) & 1 daughter Ember (husband Travis Townsend)). Upon marrying Selma, he gained 3 more adult sons Orville (wife Jackie) (CO), Marvel (wife Kathi) (ID), and Robert (wife Judy) (CO) and all of their children and grandchildren. A wonderful blended family relationship evolved. Alvin was an Army Veteran of WW II and served in the 738 ORD. CO 38th Infantry Div. Pacific Theatre. He chose to be a life member of both the VFW Post #1507, and the American legion Post #94 (past Post Commander). In June of 2013, he was honored to fly to Washington DC on one of the memorable Big Sky Honor Flights. Alvin was a member of the Stevensville Civic Club and a longtime member of the Ravalli County Park Board and the Bitterroot Valley Model Railroad Club. In his younger years, he loved playing ball and enjoyed umpiring games at the Lone Rock School. He played golf into his 80's. Alvin loved history, too. What can we say, he was an ardent Green Bay Packers fan! Alvin was a member of Living Savior Lutheran Church in Missoula where he loved to get discussions going! At 96, he lived independently, played Suduko & Solitaire practically daily, and cooked his own last supper. What a blessing! Alvin is survived by his children, 9 grandchildren, 14 plus great-grandchildren, and his niece Cora A. Krause. He is also survived by his younger brother Robert (IL) and Robert's 4 daughters & their families. Join us for a memorial service at Living Savior Lutheran Church, 4616 Gharrett Ave. ,Missoula on Aug. 27th at 2 :00 p.m. Graveside interment with Military Honor Guard will follow at 4:00 p.m. at Sunnyside Cemetery near Lone Rock School outside of Stevensville. Thereafter, dinner and further Celebration of Alvin's life will be at the American Legion Hall on Middle Burnt Fork Road. Thank you goes out to the staff at Providence ER and Whitesitt Funeral Home, as well as, to Iola Winters who lived in Alvin's apartment complex and selflessly assisted him in daily activities that allowed him to remain in his own surroundings. And to all of the rest of his friends there, who kept him mentally active and humored. Thank you also to our church family and friends for your

Service Summary

Memorial Service

2:00 PM Sat Aug 27, 2016

Living Savior Lutheran Church

4616 Gharrett Ave.
Missoula, MT

comforting prayers and support.