

## **Maurice Gordon Hamilton**

Maurice Gordon Hamilton was born July 2, 1923, at Strool, SD, to Ralph and Marianna (Giannonatti) Hamilton. Maurice was raised on the family homestead in the Cash community, which he later purchased from his father. Maurice attended rural grade school and graduated from Hettinger High School in 1941, where he was active in sports. Following graduation, he worked in Bison as a mechanic and electrician.

Maurice served his country during WW II, by joining the U.S. Navy in June of 1944, onboard the destroyer ship U.S. Stormes, helping "shoot the big guns" in the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. He was honorably discharged in May of 1946.

He returned to being an electrician and mechanic, along with working on the family homestead. He married Dixie Marie Blomberg, on June 2, 1951, and they lived east of Prairie City, where he raised cattle and Dixie taught country schools. Maurice and Dixie had one son, Blair Martin, born July 8, 1961.

Following the death of Dixie's brother, Martin "Bud" Blomberg, Maurice and Dixie moved to her home ranch in the Slim Buttes to help her mother. Maurice continued raising cattle and began moving haystacks throughout the area, before the era of the big bales. Later, Blair also joined the ranching operation.

Maurice was farsighted and utilized the technique of artificial insemination to build up a fine herd of registered Simmental cattle, which sold throughout the United States, and he served as president of the American Simmental Association.

He was an avid hunter and fisherman. Among his trophies was a caribou head, from a hunting excursion in upper Canada, where they were dropped off on the tundra by a ski plane that would return to pick them up a week later (they hoped)!

Maurice was also an avid rodeo fan, especially of his son, "Badlands Blair" who won many championships.

Due to failing health, Maurice left the beloved ranch and his cows and moved to Spearfish. He remained an integral part of the ranching operation even from town. Maurice was hardworking, honest and remained sharp minded and witty to the very end.

Maurice, age 90 from Reva, SD, passed away December 21, 2013, at Sandstone Manor in Spearfish.

Maurice was preceded in death by his wife, Dixie in 2010; and son, Blair Martin in 2009. Also preceding him in death were his parents, Ralph and Marianna; two sisters, Hazle Hanson and Shirley Aakerand; and one brother, Jim Hamilton.

Maurice is survived by nieces and nephews, other extended family, and many friends.

A memorial has been established to benefit the Reva Fire Department, PO Box 96, Reva SD 57651.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.kinkadefunerals.com](http://www.kinkadefunerals.com).

## ***In Loving Memory Of***



***Maurice Gordon Hamilton***

***1923 ~ 2013***



***One More Day  
By Bud Smith***

***Would you sigh and moan, or kneel and pray  
If you could live, just one more day!***

***Would you ask your Lord for one more year,  
Or use today without a tear?***

***Would you take account of earthly treasure  
Or think perhaps of family pleasure?***

***Would you seek new ways to achieve your ends  
Or give some time to your best friends?***

***Would you take the time for a little child  
Or let your wants run a little wild?***

***Would you wish new titles to give you power  
Or peace of mind on your last hour?***

***Let's treat tomorrow as well it may  
Be ours to live, just one more day.***

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Maurice Gordon Hamilton***

***Born***  
July 2, 1923  
Strool, South Dakota

***Died***  
December 21, 2013  
Spearfish, South Dakota

***Memorial Service***  
Saturday, January 11, 2014, at 11:30 a.m.  
Reva Hall

***Officiating***  
Pastor Henry Mohagen

***Special Music***  
"One Day At A Time"

***Military Honors***  
Sturgis Veteran's Honor Guard

***Inurnment***  
Monday, January 13, 2014, at 1:00 p.m.  
Black Hills National Cemetery  
Sturgis, South Dakota

*The family invites you to join them for fellowship and refreshments  
at the Reva Hall following the memorial service.  
We thank you for your presence and condolences.*