

Surrounded by his family, Silas Milton Davis, 84, passed away Sept. 7, 2009, at the Pendleton Health & Rehabilitation Center in Mystic.

He was born in Eckley, Colo., Dec. 16, 1924, to the late Milton Forrest and Emma Rebecca (Johnston) Davis. He was the husband of the late Charlotte Marie (Scott).

Silas is survived by three daughters, Charlene and Ronald MacDonald of Bradford, C'Ann and Charles Holland of Westerly, and Cynthia Champlin of Charlestown. He will be sadly missed by his 10 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-granddaughter. Silas also leaves behind his older sister, Gwen Spomer from Broken Bow, Neb., her two daughters, their husbands, and several nieces and nephews. He will be sadly missed by all the health care professionals at Pendleton, where he resided for the last 11 months.

Silas was predeceased by his brother, Earl Davis; his sister, Gladys Glass; and his twin sister, Eunice Davis.

Silas proudly served his country as a radar man in communications for the U.S. Navy in World War II from 1943 to 1946. Upon his discharge, he remained on active reserve from 1946 to 1951 where he worked in communications for the Western Electric Telephone Company and as a brakeman for the Chicago, Burlington, and Quincy Railroad (CB&Q) in Lincoln, Neb. He was called back into active duty as a 3rd Class Petty Officer (RDM3C) on the reactivated USS Rendova. During his military travels, he was stationed at Coronado Island, Japan, Germany, Italy, and the U.S. Naval Auxiliary Air Facility, Charlestown, R.I. He received the Victory Medal for his service during WWII. He was honorably discharged in April 1952 due to hearing loss.

In 1952, Silas began a 34-year career at Electric Boat, retiring on Dec. 31, 1986. He was the past president of the National Order of Trench Rats Dugout #574 Providence, life member of the DAV, Elks Club #678, American Legion, VFW, and Bradford Citizens Club.

Silas was enthusiastic about life and had many passions, especially rebuilding his 1930 Model A Ford. Despite his ailments, in 2006, he traveled across country to reunite with family and friends.

On Friday, Sept. 11, 2009, at 11 a.m., family and friends are invited to attend a memorial service and a full military burial at the RI Veterans Cemetery, 301 South County Trail, Exeter, RI 02822.

Calling hours are respectfully omitted.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Beacon Hospice Inc., 12 Roosevelt Ave, 2nd floor, Mystic, CT 06335 or to the Disabled American Veterans, P.O. Box 14301, Cincinnati, OH 45250-0301.

Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly, is in charge of the arrangements.