Lyle Davis
January 1924-
October 2011

Lyle Davis, age 87, Brookings, SD, passed from this life on Sunday, October 30, 2011. Lyle enlisted in the United States Army to fight in World War II. He was first shipped to North Africa and then to Italy where he joined the First Ranger Battalion. The Rangers landed at Anzio on the Italian coast but after only a week of combat, they were captured by the Germans. Lyle spent the next 15 months as a Prisoner of War in Italian and German prison camps. The American soldiers were shipped by boxcar and marched from Italy to Northern Germany. He remained there until they were liberated by the Russians at the end of the war. Lyle documented his experience in a journal that he received in a Red Cross parcel. During his years of service, he was awarded the Bronze Star for bravery, acts of merit and meritorious Service.

Lyle was very proud to have been made an honorary member of Rolling Thunder®, Inc. Chapter 2, South Dakota in December of 2010.