



Anthony R. "Tony" Latka

August 24, 1912 - September 13, 2003

Anthony R. "Tony" Latka, age 91, of Glendive, passed away on Sunday, September 7, 2003 at the Glendive Medical Center Extended Care Facility in Glendive after a short battle with cancer. A Vigil service will be held at 7:00 P.M., Friday, September 12, 2003 at the Chapel of the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. Mass of Christian Rite of Committal will be held at 10:00 A.M., Saturday, September 13, 2003 at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Glendive with Father Joseph Ponessa officiating. Interment will be in the Dawson Memorial Cemetery in Glendive. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is entrusted with arrangements. Tony was born in Dawson County on August 24, 1912, the son of Frank and Agnes (Pietrzak) Latka. He was raised on the farm, which was homesteaded by his parents, and was ranching there when he became ill last March. Tony attended Upper Crackerbox School in Dawson County. He married Rose Grimes in Glendive on July 20, 1938. Tony and Rose raised eight children, and welcomed two nieces and two nephews to become part of the family in 1940, after the death of their mother. Tony operated a registered Polled Hereford ranch, attending various shows and sales in many states and Canada. Tony worked as a cattle buyer first with Jim Ranger and later with Walter Cress. For many years he did most of the sorting of cattle at the Glendive stockyards from the Svarre and Hanson days through the days when the Venable family owned the yard. With his cattle, he held annual production sales at Glendive and at his ranch for several years. Tony judged livestock shows and was respected for his "eye"

for good cattle. He enjoyed working with 4-H members involved in livestock projects, served as livestock superintendent at the Spring Exposition and county fairs. He later served from 1966 to 1983 as a member of the Dawson County Fair Board. As a rancher, Tony received various awards for stewardship and conservation practices. In addition to ranching, Tony worked in the beet fields in Savage, helped on the Fort Peck Dam project, sold Ceretana feeds, and worked for the government as a surveyor for the ASCS. Special interests included his family, playing cards and visiting. Tony was preceded in death by his wife, Rose; a daughter, Cecile; brothers, Jake and John; sisters, Anna, Sophie, and Rose; grandchildren, Dorraine Latka, Wade Roy and Clint Smalis; and nephew, Tony Pisk. Survivors include three sons, Paul (Donna) of Glendive, Dennis (Carmen) of Sidney, and Stephen (Judy) of Janesville, Wisconsin; four daughters, Dolores Roy of Dickinson, North Dakota, Gail Nagle of Glendive, Jeanne Smalis of Terry, and Diane Slagsvold of Billings; 27 grandchildren and 31 great grandchildren. He also leaves behind a brother, Albert of Glendive; a brother-in-law, Robert Olson of St. Charles, Illinois; a sister-in-law, Opal Latka of Glendive; and nephew, Stan Pisk of Miles City; nieces, Julia Hlebichuk of Billings, and Leona Johnston of Billings and numerous other nieces and nephews. Memorials are suggested to the charity of the donor's choice.

Tribute Wall



“ *Anthony R. "Tony" Latka*

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