



Dey Schlapia

October 26, 1911 - August 14, 2007

Dey Schlapia, age 95, of Wibaux, Montana, passed away on Saturday, August 11, 2007 at the Wibaux County Nursing Home in Wibaux. A Memorial Service will be held at 2:00 P.M., Tuesday, August 14, 2007 at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Wibaux with Father Denis Fournier officiating. Interment will be in the Wibaux Cemetery in Wibaux. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Wibaux is entrusted with arrangements. Dey was born on October 26, 1911 in Mt. Ayr, Iowa, the son of Arthur and Mary (Smith) Schlapia. He received his early education at the Ley School, located south of Wibaux. Dey was united in marriage to Ruth Nelson on September 10, 1935 in Forsyth, Montana. Shortly after their marriage, they moved to the Big Timber, Montana area where they spent a number of years working on a ranch. They later lived in the Billings, Montana area where Dey drove truck - delivering milk to the area residents. In the late 1940's, Dey and Ruth moved south of Wibaux and purchased a farm and ranch. There he spent the rest of his life working the ranch he so dearly loved. They moved to the Wibaux County Nursing Home in 2006. Dey had many varied interests which included his cattle. Dey loved to just enjoy life and the little things that we are guilty of taking for granted such as riding through the cows, trapping in the wintertime, tinkering in his shop and branding time. He enjoyed rodeos and reading - especially about the history of the local area. Dey loved playing with his great grandson, Colten, the last four years. Dey was involved on several boards of the ASCS and also the FHA board. He was a Wibaux County Commissioner from May of 1976 until

December of 1988 and enjoyed working with the people he met. Dey took great pride in the many projects they worked on, especially the Wibaux County Nursing Home. Dey was preceded in death by his parents; his wife Ruth in January of 2007; son-in-law, Donald Miske; grandson, Doug Miske; two brothers-in-law, Donald Nelson, Erbin Richert and one sister-in-law, Mary Robinson. Survivors include his daughters, Marjorie Samuels and her husband Claude of Goliad, Texas and Joan Miske of Wibaux; sister-in-law, Laretta Richert of Wibaux; three grandchildren, Greg Samuels of San Antonio, Texas, Michelle Samuels of London, England and Darin Miske and his wife Syndi of Wibaux; two great grandchildren in Wibaux. Memorials are suggested to the Wibaux County Nursing Home, 712 S. Wibaux Street, Wibaux, MT 59353.

Tribute Wall



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