



## Leighton Stoker

September 30, 1916 - December 11, 2006

Leighton Coleman Stoker age 90, Glendive, formerly of Lewistown died on Monday, December 11, 2006 in the Eastern Montana Veterans Home. Interment will be held at a later date in the Richey Cemetery in Richey, Montana. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is entrusted with arrangements. Leighton was born on September 30, 1916 in Fox Lake, Montana, the son of Verne and K. Alice (Cummings) Stoker. He was raised on his father's homestead during his early childhood and then the family moved to Richey where he received his education. He graduated from Richey with the class of 1935. Leighton has always been self employed starting with running his own water delivery service in Richey. The truck was a 1928 Chevy that he equipped with a stove made out of a powder keg to keep the water from freezing. The pails of water delivered to the homes cost five cents a pail. Leighton ran the Standard Oil Bulk Station in Richey before World War II, in Forsyth after the war and then in Lewistown where he resided for the rest of his life. He married Dorothy Frank in March of 1942 in Wibaux, Montana. The day they returned home after their honeymoon, he received his draft notice in the mail. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps in the 14th Bomb Wing division during World War II. He served in England for two years and was honorably discharged in August of 1945. Leighton lived in Lewistown for 59 years, many of which he owned his own earth moving business. "Stoke" was well respected in Lewistown and the surrounding communities for his generosity, boisterous laugh and sense of humor. Leighton was active in the Masonic

Lodge, Shriners and the American Legion. He is survived by his sisters, Lucile Lee and her husband Andy of Glendive and Kathryn Peterson of Miles City, Montana; his brother, Dick Stoker and his wife Helen of Bremerton, Washington; seven nieces and nephews and numerous great nieces and nephews.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Leighton Stoker*

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