



## Leonard Boehlke

December 25, 1915 - June 30, 2011

Wibaux, Montana: Leonard (Len) Joseph Boehlke, age 95, formerly of Wibaux, Montana passed away on Friday, June 24, 2011 at the Eastern Montana Veteran's Home in Glendive, Montana. Visitation will be held from 1:00 P.M. until 5:00 P.M. and 6:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. on Wednesday, June 29, 2011 in the Chapel of the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Wibaux. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Thursday June 30, 2011 at the Calvary Temple Assembly of God in Wibaux with Pastor Andy Lam officiating. Interment with military honors will be held at the Wibaux Cemetery, in Wibaux. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Wibaux has been entrusted with the arrangements. Len was born on December 25, 1915 on a farm west of New England, North Dakota, a son of Rudolph and Barbara (Meyer) Boehlke. As a small child he and his family moved to Spokane, Washington for a short time and then moved back to the Western North Dakota and Eastern Montana area. Leonard attended the Dover Country School while growing up. Len earned his wages by working at home and for area neighbors. In 1929 the Boehlke family left the Dover Township and moved to the Alpha Community. In the 1930's Len joined the Civilian Conservation Corps camp in Medora, North Dakota, he then worked for Alex LaSota, Charlie Bam, and the Buckley's. Len joined the United States Army on May 23, 1942 at Fort Snelling, Minnesota, serving in the European theatre of war. He fought in the Battle of Normandy, along with other military missions. After World War II, he returned home to work in the Alpha area and farmed on his own for a while,

using an Oliver tractor that he continued to talk about the rest of his life. During this time frame he also worked for Art White, Karnes Johnson, and Vern Jacobsen. Len was a good, honest, hard -working hired man. When anyone left their possessions with him, they knew everything would be well taken care of, even their dogs!!! Later on Leonard met Sarah Pryde and her daughter Sarah Jane Pryde and they moved to Wibaux, where they spent 26 years as husband and wife in a common law marriage. Len was an accomplished horse-back rider, he loved brandings, but most of all he loved the social part of it. Len could crack a joke with the best of them. It seemed he had a story at the drop of a hat and a sense of humor to go with it. Len loved to dance and really kicked up his heels. He was spry into his seventies and eighties. Len had a gentleness about him and he loved kids of all ages. He always had time to stop and talk and see what the youngsters were up to. Len loved life and it showed in his voice and by the twinkle in his eyes, and his good, loving faith in God. Len was truly loved and will be missed. Leonard was preceded in death by, his parents; brothers, William, Peter, Robert (all in childhood), George (Sarah), Rudolf Jr. (Jackie) and Bernard; sisters, Ruth Wojahn and Gertrude (John) Susa; Brother -in-law, George VanDaele. Len is survived by his common law wife, Sarah and her daughter, Sarah Jane; sister, Eunice VanDaele; sister -in-law, Margaret Boehlke; brother-in-law, Ernie Wojahn; and numerous nieces and nephews, great and great-great nieces and nephews.

# Tribute Wall



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