



Leroy Amunrud

February 9, 1929 - March 19, 2011

Leroy Reuben Amunrud, age 82, of Wibaux, Montana, passed away on Wednesday, March 9, 2011, at Deaconess Hospital in Bozeman, Montana. Visitation will be Friday, March 18, 2011, from 3:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. and 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. at the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Chapel in Wibaux, Montana. A memorial service will be held with Pastor Scott Reavely officiating on Saturday, March 19, 2011 at 2:00 P.M. at the Wibaux Bible Church, after a family burial that morning. Leroy was born February 9, 1929, in Wibaux, Montana, the firstborn of Reuben and Maye (Stockwell) Amunrud. He grew up ranching with his dad. Leroy attended high school in Wibaux, Montana, where he loved sports and competed on Wibaux County High School's record-setting basketball and football teams of the 40's. He always spoke highly of his teammates and especially of the coach, Wayne Marcus, who became Leroy's lifelong friend. After Leroy graduated, his whole family spent the next four winters in Bozeman so he could get his B. S. in mathematics from (then) Montana State College. Leroy went on to take more classes from MSU and the University of Minnesota until he was awarded his Ph. D. in mathematics from Montana State in 1968. On June 20, 1950, Leroy married Doris Mattson. Together they raised five children. All who learned the benefits of hard work and endurance as they worked beside their dad on the ranch. They are thankful for Leroy's faithfulness to provide for them and see to it that they all had the opportunity to graduate from college. As a young man, a Sunday school teacher at the Wibaux Bible Church, where Leroy attended most of his

life, impacted his life and led him to trust Christ as his Savior. Leroy always took his family to church on Sundays. They were special days of rest and worship. Physics and ranching were two of his greatest passions in life. If you sat down to talk to Leroy for more than a minute or two, you could be fairly sure that one or the other (or both) would come up. Leroy described himself as one who studied “cowboy logic.” He then published the results of those studies in two books on “Unitivity Theory.” Leroy enjoyed working with some of the first computers and teaching math, but always wanted to return to ranching and spent much of his adult life working towards this goal. Leroy worked at the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory in New Mexico and on the Apollo Project at Honeywell Inc. in Minneapolis, Minnesota. For a number of years he was a Professor of Mathematics at Montana State University, in Billings, Montana. Leroy retired early in 1984 to return to his other passion, the Wibaux ranch, fulltime. He lived and worked there until he had a stroke last August and then Leroy moved to Bozeman to recover, where he talked often about regaining his strength so he could resume ranching in the spring. Leroy was preceded in death by his parents Reuben and Maye, his wife Doris, and two grandchildren, Lindsay and Thomas Reavely. Leroy is survived by his children, Mark (Debie) Amunrud, Marcia (Scott) Reavely, Erica (Chuck) Searl, Lisa (Vern) Stickel, and Brent (Brenda) Amunrud; 20 grandchildren, Alana, Joel (Rachel), and Larissa Amunrud, Taylor, Leslie, Lauren, Lisa, and Layne Reavely, Vicki, Chas, Amy, Jessica, and Jonathan Searl, Kara, Calvin, and Kaitlyn Stickel, Matthew, Josiah, Seth, and Elliana Amunrud; one great-grandchild, Jack Amunrud; and a brother and sister, Arden Amunrud and Arla Pribnow. Memorials may be made to the Montana Bible College in Bozeman, Montana or the Wibaux Bible Church in Wibaux, Montana.

Tribute Wall



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