



## Olando E. "Ole" Olson

October 4, 1914 - April 8, 2006

Olando E. "Ole" Olson, 91, died on March 31, 2006 at the Glendive Medical Center in Glendive. Graveside services will be held at 2:00 P.M. Saturday, April 8, 2006 in the Prairie County Cemetery in Terry, Montana with Rev. Gary Laurence officiating. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements. A memorial gathering of friends and a potluck celebration of Ole's life will be held at 5:30 P.M. Saturday, April 8, 2006 at the Dawson County Senior Citizens Center in Glendive with Rev. Avis Anderson officiating. Ole was born on October 4, 1914 in Terry, Montana the son of George Henry August and Elizabeth (Rahn) Olson. Ole attended the Pleasant View country school located near the family ranch. Ole's father died in 1922 and as the oldest son, Ole became the "man of the house" at 8 years of age. Ranching and farming made up the only lifestyle Ole knew and he loved his work. He ran the Olson Ranch all of his productive years, with the exception of one year in the the late 1930's when he hired out to a rancher in the Big Hole country of Western Montana near Ennis. Ole knew every inch of the Olson Ranch and collected a large number of arrowheads and other Indian artifacts which he found on and around the ranch over they years. If asked about the special spot where he got some of his best ones, he would just say "Oh, here and there!" Ole loved horses and from his youth he broke horses for work on the ranch. He bragged that he got bucked off only once. After he retired from farming and cattle-ranching business, Ole devoted his time to raising, breaking and selling the quarter hoses he loved. His horses

were known not only for their size, most of the standing 16+ hands high, but also for being good riding and roping mounts. Ole loved to show pictures of his horses and could name every one of them. Many of them took first and second place ribbons at fairs and horse shows. Ole took secret delight in donating colts to help children suffering from cancer. Besides his ranch and his horses, Ole enjoyed spending time with his friends at the Yellowstone Bar and Café in Terry. In his younger years, Ole played the banjo and mandolin for his own enjoyment, and liked a lively game of Chinese Checkers with his young nephews and grand-nephews. In his final years, Ole was blessed to have care givers who loved him and tended to his every need. One of his care givers, Debbie Sturgis, became family, confidant and a genuine angel of mercy to Ole. Ole was preceded in death by three sisters, Elsie Olson Averson of Glyndon, Minnesota, Mary Olson Laurence of Terry, and Georgiann Olson Dillman of Santa Barbara, California and two brothers, Clarence Olson of Round Rock, Texas and Orrin Olson of Lenexa, Kansas (recently of Roseburg, Oregon). Ole is survived by one sister, Ruth Olson Feldman, 93, of San Diego, California, Nephew Gary Laurence and his wife Donna of Olympia, Washington and their two sons, Dustin Laurence of Pasadena, California and Shane Laurence of Pflugerville, Texas, Two sisters-in-law, Esther Sackman (Orrin) Olson of Lenexa, Kansas (recently of Roseburg, Oregon) and Nancy (Clarence) Olson of Round Rock, Texas and extended family members and friends.

# Tribute Wall



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