



Virgil Lestar

February 13, 1935 - May 31, 2011

Billings, Montana: Virgil “Mike” Lestar, age 76, of Wibaux, Montana, formerly of Baker, Montana passed away Thursday, May 5, 2011 at St. Vincent’s Healthcare in Billings following a long illness. Graveside services will be held on Tuesday, May 31, 2011 at 11:00 A.M. at the Custer County Cemetery in Miles City, Montana with Revered Warren Maxted officiating. A luncheon will follow at the V.F.W. Hall at 119 N. 6th Street in Miles City. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Wibaux has been entrusted with arrangements. Mike was born on February 13, 1935, southeast of Baker, Montana on the family Ranch near Beaver Creek, the son of Avon and Mary Etta (Foster) Lestar. He grew up on the family ranch and continued to ranch there after his parents passed away. In 1969 Mike married Louise Harger. In 1980 he married Marge Waite, who preceded him in death. Horses and telling personal horse stories were his passions. On the family ranch there was always a large herd of horses in the pasture, and Mike loved to take everyone that stopped by out to see those horses. Every fall he loved to entertain hunters, who came every year, from as far as Wisconsin and West Virginia. Even after Mike retired, they came back to see him, just to talk and tell old stories. After Marge’s death in 2002, Mike continued to ranch, but his heart wasn’t in it anymore. His health had been failing him for awhile. In 2005, he finally sold his last piece of land, retired and moved to Wibaux. After Mike sold his ranch he spent a short recovery time in the Wibaux County Nursing Home. During this time he made long-lasting friendships with the employees, and after he left he stopped by every week to

visit and tell some more stories. Mike had great friends from his ranching days. They helped him ranch while he was selling out, and later often called and came to visit and hear his horse stories. Mike had two special friends, Phil Siegle and Tony Efta, both of Wibaux. They were a great help to him during his years there as he was confined to a wheelchair. Mike could always count on them for friendship and help. Anyone who stopped by his home in Wibaux would still hear a horse story or two. Mike enjoyed pictures of family, friends and his horses. He posted them on the wall for everyone to see. Mike was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Marge; sister, Jewel; and brother, Eugene. Mike is survived by his sister, Robin (Lane) Stanhope of Baker; his nieces, Aleta Plummer of Beaverton, Oregon and Darla Jordan of Marmarth, North Dakota; a nephew, Jack Plummer of Billings, Montana; cousins LaDaska (Dick) Timm of Edgewood, Washington and Pat O'Neill of Libby, Montana. Other nieces and nephews are Cheryl, Amy, Angela and Levi, along with several great nieces & nephews and his cousin's wife Virginia of Billings.

Tribute Wall



“ *Virgil Lestar*

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