



Willis Lapp

August 6, 1925 - July 18, 2023

Willis Lapp was born August 6, 1925, to parents Fredrick and Anna (Harding) Lapp in Monroe, Nebraska. He came in at a dainty 13 pounds and passed on July 18, 2023 thus, ending the last of a generation, a mere two weeks shy of his 98th birthday.

Strong, stubborn and the hardest working man known to any of us, he worked on the farm well into his 90s, still laying irrigation pipe and driving beet truck for his daughter Sherry and son in law Jim.

He showed his independence and determination early, leaving home at 14 and working hard, manual work just to survive. He lied about his age so he could fight in WWII where he jumped out of airplanes into enemy territory on the Pacific front. During this time, the government insisted that he have a middle initial, one that he was not bestowed at birth and therefore was given the initial A which lovingly started the references of Willis Apple Lapp!

He married Betty Pieters on April 25, 1946, and to this union came three equally stubborn, strong willed and hard-working daughters. Darla (Jerry) Ronning of Red Lodge, MT, Sherry (Jim) Finneman of Terry, MT and Sue (Norman) Hostetler of Glendive, MT.

His family was large and growing by the day as he was survived by his children, 12 grandchildren, 32 Great Grandchildren at last count and was starting to be introduced to his 6 great great grandchildren. He is also survived by his special great niece who became more a fourth daughter in his final years, Cindy Cudmore.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his 12 siblings and his grandson Zachary.

In true Willis fashion, no fuss was to be made around his death and private family internment will be held at a later date. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Remembrances and condolences can be shared with the family at: www.silhafuneralhomes.com.

Tribute Wall

SB

“ Sharon Bain lit a candle in memory of Willis Lapp



Sharon Bain - July 22, 2023 at 10:19 AM

VV

“ VVA#234 lit a candle in memory of Willis Lapp



VVA#234 - July 21, 2023 at 11:20 PM

WJ

“ So sorry for your loss. He was always such a "gentle" man to Wally and myself. Will remember many special moments with him through the years. Thoughts and prayers to all of his family. Wally & Joyce Jungels

wally jungels - July 21, 2023 at 09:49 AM

GE

“ Grace Evinrude lit a candle in memory of Willis Lapp



Grace Koffler Evinrude - July 20, 2023 at 11:39 PM