



Leo McManaman

October 25, 1928 - November 7, 2014

Funeral Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated for LEO JOSEPH MCMANAMAN, 86, at 10am Thursday, November 13, 2014 at Saint Rose Catholic Church with Father Ray Moss officiating. Burial with military honors will follow in the Valley View Cemetery. Leo died November 7, 2014 at the West Nebraska Veteran's Home in Scottsbluff, Nebraska. A Rosary/Wake service will be held at 6pm at the Colyer Funeral Home on Wednesday, November 12, 2014. Memorials may be given to the Prairie Center Volunteer Fire District in care of the First State Bank, 1410 E. Valley Road, Torrington. Visitation will be Wednesday from 3pm through the rosary. Arrangements are under the direction of the Colyer Funeral Home and friends may send condolences to the family at www.colyerfuneralhome.com.

Leo was born October 25, 1928 in Lincoln, Nebraska the son of Leona (Rooney) and Joseph McManaman. The family moved to the Rooney homestead, which had been homesteaded by Leo's great-grandfather and grandfather in 1913. Leo began his education in the community schools of Midway and Burge. He graduated from Torrington High School in 1946 and then ranched and worked for the Continental Bulk Plant. In 1950 he served his country in the Korean Conflict in Company E 180th Infantry Regiment-45th division being discharged as a Sargent in 1952. In 1956 he married Simontha Flores of Huntley, Wyoming to which a son, Michael was born in 1960. He purchased the Conoco Plant and managed it as well as ranching. The plant

was sold and he devoted his life to ranching on the homestead.

Leo enjoyed people and had a great sense of humor. He had a keen sense of mechanics and was quick to help fix vehicles and machinery for neighbors in distress. He loved his community and worked hard with others in the installation of electrical and phone lines, as well as helping establish a volunteer fire department for the community. He served on the USDA Board being on the ASC and FSA boards for over a decade. He dedicated himself to improvements for his community, one being a water well and irrigation rights for the area. He was one of the first members in the American Legion Post in Van Tassell, Wyoming and was affiliated with Torrington American Legion, the VFW, DAV, and VA. He was a member of Saint Rose Parish where he served a term on the Parish Council Board.

Leo is survived by his wife Simontha "Smoky" of Torrington, Wyoming; son Michael (Doneen) McManaman of Torrington; five grandchildren; fifteen great grandchildren; a sister Martina McManaman of Longmont, Colorado; and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister Kathryn; and a niece Suzie.

Tribute Wall

MW

“ Smoky, I am Marion Harris Weickum, Clara Mae Harris Sawyer's sister. I send condolences to you and your family at this time. You were a bridesmaid at her weddings. Blessings for you and comfort.

Marion Harris Weickum - November 20, 2014 at 12:12 PM

LI

“ Loren And Shirley Isbell lit a candle in memory of Leo McManaman



Loren and Shirley Isbell - November 13, 2014 at 05:26 PM

MB

“ My memory of Leo is of a kind man, a helpful man and of course the story of the over-nite in his vehicle looking for livestock during an intense blizzard. Last time we spoke of it I could tell he remember it by the acknowledgement in his eyes and a bit of a smile. Melva

Melva and Barry Baldwin - November 13, 2014 at 04:58 PM

MB

“ Melva And Barry Baldwin lit a candle in memory of Leo McManaman



Melva and Barry Baldwin - November 13, 2014 at 04:51 PM

KH

“ *Kriss And Jim Hovis lit a candle in memory of Leo McManaman*



Kriss and Jim Hovis - November 13, 2014 at 07:28 AM

PB

“ *Pat Brown lit a candle in memory of Leo McManaman*



Pat Brown - November 10, 2014 at 08:40 PM