



David Wise

August 16, 1909 - November 10, 2004

David O. Wise, 95, Dawson, died November 10, 2004 in a Steele care center. Services will be held at 10 AM Saturday at the Golden Manor Chapel, Steele, with Rev. Paul Tjostem officiating. Burial will be in the Dawson Cemetery, Dawson with military rites provided by the Dawson American Legion. Visitation will be 12:00 Noon to 9 PM Friday at Eastgate Steele Memorial Chapel, Steele, where a prayer service will be held at 7 PM. David Odell Wise was born August 16, 1909 in Steele, ND, the son of Harley and Effie Andrews Wise. He was raised and educated in the Steele and Dawson areas. When David was age 13 the family moved ten miles south of Dawson, where he lived and worked on the family farm. In May 1933 he joined the Civilian Conservation Corps and worked in several camps in South Dakota, California, and Idaho. In 1937 David returned to farming with his brother, Arthur. In 1941 David joined the US Army and served his country during WWII as a proud member of the 164th Infantry in the South Pacific Islands of Guadalcanal and Bougainville. While on a 30-day furlough from the Army, David married Lydia A. Gunsch on December 10, 1944 in Napoleon. In the fall of 1945 David and Lydia resumed farming south of Dawson. In 1959, they moved into Dawson. David then worked for Slade National Wildlife Refuge, Kemmet's Bar, and Northern Improvement Company. He was a member of the Dawson American Legion since 1956 serving as Commander and Finance Officer. He was a Kidder County Notary Public and Municipal Judge. David also operated Dave's Sharpening Service during his retirement years. David and Lydia were

members of the Dawson Congregational Church. David was a patient and gentle man. He showed his wife, daughter, son, and extended family the meaning of unconditional love. He was a dedicated and loving husband who lived his strong faith in a quiet reserved manner. Those who knew him enjoyed his quiet special sense of humor. David is survived by one daughter and son-in-law, Angie and David Johnson of Steele; one son, Glenn David Wise of Casper, WY; his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Clint George and his wife, Joyce and their children, Brittany, Brandy, and Bree of Steele, Darci and her husband, Byron Rohrich and children, Sadie and Kayla of Steele, Keith George of Bismarck, Tayler Johnson of Steele, Kari Wise of Chicago, IL, and Dena Wise and her son, Keaton of Bismarck. Also surviving David is his brother, Ralph Wise and Irene of Bismarck; a sister Nonabel "Stony" Kahler of Tuttle; and numerous nieces and nephews. His wife, Lydia, his parents, Harley and Effie, three sisters, Dorothy, Delia, and Florence, four brothers, Arthur, Edwin, and infant twins, and son-in-law, Larry George, all preceded David in death.