



Leonard Burnham

December 29, 1916 - December 30, 2006

Leonard "Buck" Burnham, 90, Bismarck, died December 30, 2006, at a Bismarck care center. Funeral services will be Thursday at 10:30 AM at Eastgate Funeral Service Chapel in Bismarck with Rev. Dale Nabben officiating. Burial will be at the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery in Mandan. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Leonard "Buck" was born on December 29, 1916, at Hoper, Nebraska, the son of Ivy and Maysie Dickerson Burnham. He grew up and attended school in Nebraska. During World War II, he served in the US Army as a medic in the South Pacific. Buck married LaVerne Adams on February 20, 1946, in Winner, South Dakota. They lived in Wood, South Dakota, where they farmed until moving to Redfield, South Dakota, in 1956, where he owned and operated Bob's Service Station. They then moved to the Black Hills area where Buck worked with people with special needs at Custer State Hospital, a job that he truly loved. In October of 2000, Buck and LaVerne moved to Bismarck. Buck enjoyed fishing, camping, playing cards, and spending time with his grandchildren. He loved socializing and visiting with friends and neighbors. He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, JoAnn and Jerry DeBeaumont of Bismarck; his sister, Esther Brown of Winner, South Dakota; his brother, Jim Burnham of Wood, South Dakota; his five grandchildren, Cory Shantz, Josh Shantz, Heidi Chouinard, Traci Evans, and Troy DeBeaumont; and his four great-grandchildren, Madelyne Shantz, Daniel Shantz, Nathan Shantz, and Brandon Basiak. He was preceded in death by his wife, LaVerne; his parents;

three brothers; and three sisters.

Tribute Wall

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“ I will and do have very precious memories of the high school days of working for buck and helping him dig his water well. he was very inspirational in wher i am today. he made a big mark on my life.thanks and gods blessings.

david shantz - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM