

Vernon Elton Lee, 92, a lifetime resident of McKenzie County, passed away Wednesday, November 27th 2010. Vernon was born to Gilbert T. Lee and Inga (Stavem) Lee on March 6th, 1918. He was born and raised on the family homestead south of Watford City along with his 2 brothers and 3 sisters.

He was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith and attended rural school in the area. He joined the CCCs in the late 30s and worked in various jobs in Montana and Washington State before returning to settle back on the family farm.

He was joined in marriage to Grace Gilbertson on January 17, 1946 in the First Lutheran Church Parsonage, as the Church had burned to the ground just days before their wedding.

Vernon and Grace were married for 64 years and were blessed with 6 daughters. He spent his life devoted to his family, the farm and ranch. He was a 'do-it-yourselfer' and rarely called on a carpenter, plumber or mechanic to fix things. He had a beautiful voice and his yodeling and renditions of old time favorites could be heard from a distance while he was doing chores or enjoyed by all when spending time with his family. A birthday wasn't complete without his serenade. His grandchildren and great grandchildren were his pride and joy. He loved spending time with them and always had a pocket full of gum, which was in great demand!

The last 30 years they looked forward to traveling during the winter months, settling in Mesa, AZ where family and friends frequently came to visit, sight see and play dominos, zilch and other games.

Vernon is survived by his loving wife, Grace; daughters, Judy (Roger) Lee of Fargo, ND, Joann (Fred) Zehr of Cedar Rapids, IA, Jennifer (Curtis) Sorenson of Watford City, ND, Jacky Bolken of Redondo Beach, CA., Julie (Mark) Anderson of Fargo, ND ; 10 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren ; and a sister, Eleanor Guse of Dallas, TX.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters Gladys Ekrum, Augusta Hegg; brothers, Irvn and Duane and beloved daughter Janice.



in loving
memory of

*Vernon
Lee*



Final Harvest

He was bound to the land from the day of his birth
His roots anchored deep in the fertile earth
Nurtured, sustained, by the soil he grew
And his life, like the furrows, ran straight and true.
In faith, each spring, he planted the seeds
In hope, to reap his family's needs
With patience, he waited for the harvest to come
To gather the fruits of his labor home.
Ever turning season, the years sped past
'til the final harvest came at last
then claimed anew by beloved sod
he was gathered home to be with God.

~Barbara W. Weber

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March 6, 1918

November 17, 2010

FUNERAL SERVICE

Monday, November 22, 2010 at 11:00
First Lutheran Church Watford City, ND

Officiant

Pastor Rob Favorite

Scripture Reader

Jarvis Sorenson

Ushers

Gary Thorson & Einar Prestangen

Memories

Jill Bolken

Musicians

Caroline Schwartz organist
Heidi Zehr, granddaughter-in-law
Elizabeth & Madison Hagen,
great granddaughters

Casket Bearers

Michael Lee, Justin Zehr,
Jarvis Sorenson,
Clinton Schwarz,
David Langford
Mark Carson, Corey Kelly

INTERMENT

Schafer Cemetery, Watford City, ND

