

were filled helping his neighbor Ray Johnson feed cattle with a trip to town for a good meal at the end of the day. Ray raised the best looking Angus cattle in the county according to Roy. Basketball continued to be a great pastime as Roy and the boys from Froid followed the local team through the season.

Roy loved going to town to drive around and to see what was happening. He would stop at the café and have a good meal. No one was a stranger for long. Roy loved to strike up a conversation finding out how crops were yielding or the amount of rainfall that they had received in their neck of the country. He had a special interest in rainfall as he was an official recorder of rainfall for many years. He continued checking each shower, recording it on his calendar, with the government rain gage through the fall of 2012. Roy's bib overalls, contagious laugh and larger than life smile were recognized by many folks in eastern Montana. He looked forward to his monthly drive to Plentywood for a haircut, seven packages of bakery buns, and lunch including a Tropical Blizzard from Dairy Queen before returning home. He was an excellent driver, traveling to Plentywood just last week. Roy had just renewed his driver's license through the year 2016.

Roy was a member of the Saint Anthony's Catholic Church, whose weekly Sunday service he rarely missed. He longed to meet the Lord and reunite with his family in Heaven.

We love you and will miss you dearly Dad, Grandpa, Great-Grandpa, Great- Great -Grandpa, and many treasured friends.

Roy was preceded in death by his father Frank Schuetze, mother Anna (Krumm) Schuetze, son Ronald Thomas Schuetze, brothers Lawrence and Rodney Schuetze.

He is survived by daughters Shirley (John) McNeil and Karen (Milo) Stangeland, grandchildren Shawn (Laurie) McNeil, Brian (Juli) McNeil, Brent (Brenda) McNeil, Lynette (Jason) Larson, Stacy (LeeAnn) Stangeland, Tammy (Kurt) Kummerfeldt, and Melinda (Kevin) Portra. Great grandchildren Miranda, Grant, Connor, Tessa, Trevin, Kortney, Jaren, Jace, Maci McNeil; Michaela, Madison, Brennan Larson; Jaxson, Milo Stangeland; Kaden, Zevin Kummerfeldt; Onesti (Brett) Lapp; Morgan, Taylor, Shay Bridges; Kylie Portra. Great-great grandchild Xavier Lapp.

In Memory Of Roy O. Schuetze



October 21, 1915 ~ February 13, 2013

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Date And Place Of Birth

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French , Minnesota

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Culbertson, Montana

Funeral Mass

10:00 AM, MST, Monday, February 18, 2013

St. Anthony's Catholic Church

Culbertson, Montana

Officiating

Father Francis Schreiber

Musicians

Laurie McNeil and Mary Albright

Lynn Reiland ~ Vocalist

Casketbearers

Shawn McNeil, Brian McNeil, Brent McNeil,

Stacy Stangeland, Ray Johnson, Joe OToole

Usher

Duane Hekkel Greg Labatte

Honorary Bearers

All of Roy's Friends & Family

Interment

Hillside Cemetery

Roy Otto Schuetze, 97, of rural Froid, MT passed away February 13, 2013 at the Roosevelt Memorial Hospital in Culbertson, MT. He was born to parents Frank and Anna (Krumm) Schuetze in French, Minnesota on October 21, 1915. At 2 years of age, he traveled west with his parents to the Damm Community northeast of Culbertson, Montana to begin his life of farming and ranching. Life on the farm was long hours and hard work but Roy loved working the land with horses and early-day tractors. The family lived off the land with a large garden, chickens, turkeys, rabbits, pigs, and cattle to eat. Roy started milking cows at a young age providing milk for the family to drink and cream to sell. He attended the Damm School graduating from the eighth grade; his parents decided he was needed on the farm so high school was sacrificed for hands-on learning farming and ranching. Roy continued his contact with the Damm School carrying barrels of drinking water from the family well by horse drawn wagon for 25 cents a barrel. Roy's working with and learning from his parents on the farm continued into his 30's when he met the girl of his dreams, a rural school teacher, Viola Rudolph.

Roy and Viola were married in 1945 at Saint Anthony's Church in Culbertson, Montana. As they began their new life together it brought many changes to the small rural farm as children Shirley, Ronnie and Karen joined the family. The work load increased but the size of the farmstead home shrunk so Roy had carpenters build a new family home. Fifty-seven years later, it is still a beautiful modern farm home. The children learned about hard work, responsibility and respect on the farm just as Roy had from his dad and mom. Childhood duties included cleaning the cream separator, picking and cleaning the eggs for sale, weeding the garden, cultivating the potatoes on horseback, assigned house cleaning chores, haying and summer following, as the children were taught farm-life values.

Roy lost his loving wife and best friend, Viola, as she passed away Oct. 5, 1987. He continued working his land and watching the crops grow. It was not unusual to see his little red pickup parked along a country road as he walked into a grain field to check out the crop, Once the grandkids were all out of school the long winter days



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