

Kermit Leonard Sandstrom was born March 20<sup>th</sup>, 1918 to Carl and Lena (Larson) Sandstrom in Yellow Medicine County, MN. He passed away July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2007, at home in Gwinner in his granddaughters' arms. He was 89 years old.

Kermit grew up on a farm near Ecko, MN. He graduated 8<sup>th</sup> grade at 14 and began working. He married Mable Peterson on December 11<sup>th</sup>, 1940 in Granite Falls, MN. They moved to Gwinner where he farmed until retiring.

Kermit married Jane Kupitz on October 10<sup>th</sup>, 1987 in Wahpeton, ND. They continued to live in Gwinner but spent many years as snowbirds in Apache Junction, AZ. Jane passed away in January of 2006. Kermit continued to live in their home with the help of his loving caregivers.

Kermit was a gentle and loving father, grandfather and great-grandfather. One of his biggest smiles would come as a little one was running to him yelling "Papa, Papa, Papa". He would tell stories of how he had drove horse-drawn wagon as a young boy or riding in the boxcars as a young man looking for work during hard times.

He will be missed by his son and step-daughter, Eugene & Kandyce Sandstrom, Lisbon, ND; daughter, Karen Moses of Phoenix, AZ; sons Curtis (Cindy) Sandstrom of Lakeville, MN; Arlin (Naomi) Sandstrom of Gwinner, ND; David Sandstrom of Covington, WA, Kim Sandstrom of LuCerne Valley, CA; stepchildren, Dick (Donna) Kupitz of Bismarck, ND; Betty Jane (Curt) Borgen of Moorhead, MN; brothers Lloyd Sandstrom of Rosemont, MN, Carl (Ferne) Sandstorm Jr. of White Bear Lake, MN; sisters, Myrtle Lecy of St. Paul, MN, Florence Kruse of Zumbrota, MN; 17 grandchildren; and 27 great grandchildren.

He was preceded by a brother, Silas; two sisters, Judith Jeseritz and Clara Colston; a stop-son, Ed Kupitz; and two grandchildren.

Visitation will be at Gustaf Adolf Lutheran Church in Gwinner, Monday 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM with a Prayer Service at 7:00 PM. Funeral Service will be Tuesday at 10:30 AM at Gustaf Adolf Lutheran Church.