



Fred Pilgrim

December 21, 1919 - June 14, 2004

Fred Daniel Pilgrim was born to his parents George & Hattie (Brown) Pilgrim on Dec. 21, 1919 in Verndale. He passed away on Monday, June 14th at the St. Cloud Hospital after a short illness. Fred was united in marriage to Gladys LaVoy on Nov. 22, 1939 in Deer Creek. He entered the US Army on May 11, 1944 and served in Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe. He received the Purple Heart and was honorably discharged in 1945. When he returned to Verndale he continued to work for the Northern Pacific Railroad as a section hand, foreman and switchboard watchman. He enjoyed fishing, hunting and spending time in his garden. Fred was a proud 50 year member of the American Legion. Fred was preceded in death by his parents; daughter Waneta; brothers Robert & William; sister Mae and his grandson Shawn Stephenson. He is survived by his daughter Joyce Pilgrim of Oregon; 2 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren and several nieces, nephews and cousins. Graveside services with military honors provided by the Minnesota National Guard will take place on Friday morning at 11:00 AM in the Greenlawn Cemetery in Verndale. The Rev. Clifford Mays of the United Methodist Church in Verndale will officiate.