



Leonard Cossentine

March 31, 1918 - November 4, 2004

Leonard Arthur Cossentine was born in the Village of Eagle Bend on March 31, 1918 to William and Rosa Lena (Kohler) Cossentine. Leonard began serving his country during World War II in the US Army with the 317th General Hospital on January 6, 1942. He met Evelyn Calkins while stationed at San Luis Obispo, California, and they were united in marriage in Reno, Nevada on December 14, 1943. After being honorably discharged from the Army on December 24, 1945, Leonard and Evelyn returned to Eagle Bend. He eventually became Eagle Bend's city water and sewer superintendent. He served his community as a member of the Eagle Bend Fire Department, of which he was Fire Chief for 20 years. He also was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6318 and the American Legion Post 280 and those organizations will be providing military honors at the funeral. In his spare time he enjoyed fishing, hunting and cooking. He had coffee downtown with his buddies most mornings and enjoyed the company of his most recent neighbor. Leonard passed away on Thursday, November 4, 2004 at the St. Cloud Hospital. He was 86 years old. Leonard was preceded in death by his wife Evelyn on November 4, 2003 just 1 year prior; his parents William and Rosa; son David in August of 2003; brother Harry and sisters Clarice Grabowski, Emma Murphy, Marion Evans and Ivy Cossentine. He is survived by sons Leonard A., Jr., Samuel J. and wife Faye, and Roger D., all of Eagle Bend; grandchildren Nathan J. and wife Shelly and their son Devin J. of Roseau, MN, Heather J. and her husband Anthony Donovan and their children Hailey

and Sydney of Princeton, MN and Hilary J. and her husband Richard Gross and their children Ayla and Autumn of Roseau, MN. He is also survived by his brother Fred of Eagle Bend. Honorary Pallbearers are Duane Peterson, Donald Jackson, Calvin Wolf, Al Woida, Kenneth Nelson, Carl Wehking and Gordon Moller. Pallbearers are Nathan J. Cossentine, Anthony Q. Donovan, Richard M. Gross, Cody Hess, Michael Willie and Raymond Jackson. Interment is in the G.A.R. Veteran's Cemetery in Eagle Bend.