



## Leonard Smith

March 27, 1912 - December 15, 2003

Leonard Lawrence Smith was born to his parents Albert & Neoma (Harris) Smith on March 27, 1912 on a farm near Doniphan, Nebraska. He passed away early Monday morning Dec. 15th at the Tri-County Hospital in Wadena. Leonard was united in marriage to Goldie Batterson on July 5, 1935 in the Big Top at Staples, Minnesota. Together they farmed at three different farms in the Wadena area, the last one 3 1/2 miles southwest of Wadena. In 1971 they moved into Wadena where they have lived for the past 32 years. Leonard drove school bus for about 10 years and took many trips with the high school athletic teams on out of town trips. Leonard was a very loving husband, father and grandfather. He always wanted to have a son but was filled with joy at the birth of each of his 5 daughters. He always thought that girls were prettier anyway. Leonard was preceded in death by his parents; brothers Albert, Cecil, Wayne & Curtis; daughter Betty Jean; grandchildren Jeff, Jackie, one infant boy and 1 great-grandchild. He is survived by his wife Goldie; daughters Glorine (Roy) Rosler of Minneapolis, Joyce (Ken) Leslie of Alexandria, Shirley (Duane) Kneisl of Bertha, Carol (Denny) Rude of Wadena; grandchildren Renee, Mike & Kimberly (Rosler) Diana & Brenda (Leslie) Mike, Brad, Kathy & Steve (Kneisl) Jim & Scott (Rude); 21 great-grandchildren; 1 great-great grandchild; brother T. Edison Smith; several nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives and friends. Pallbearers will be his grandsons; Mike, Brad & Steve Kneisl, Jim & Scott Rude, Rick Schoenrock & Mike Rosler. Burial will take place in the Wadena Cemetery following the services.