



Lester Reetz

April 19, 1920 - August 1, 2004

Lester Herman Reetz was born on the farm outside of Bertha on April 19, 1920 to Herman and Albertina (Muenchow) Reetz. He worked for area farmers until April 18, 1942 when he began to serve his country in the Army during W.W.II. While in the Army, he served in both the American Theater and European-African-Middle Eastern Theater of Operations. He was honorably discharged on October 14, 1945. Lester returned home and continued farming. He also worked for Land-O'-Lakes Creameries driving trucks and operating machinery in Eagle Bend and, for a time, in Browerville. He was united in marriage with Muriel Squire on July 8, 1947. Lester was a member of the Eagle Bend Veteran's of Foreign Wars and the American Legion as well as St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Bertha. He enjoyed the outdoors, spending many hours fishing and hunting, and also enjoyed woodworking. After spending most of his life in the Bertha area, Lester passed away at the Tri-County Hospital in Wadena at the age of 84 years. Lester was preceded in death by his parents Herman and Albertina; and sisters Dorothy Reetz, Irene Weickert, Sophie Steinhaus and Sarah Decker. He is survived by his sons Gordon (Linda) of Vermillion, SD, Tony (Mary) of Brainerd, MN, Steven (Mary Jo) of Frazee, MN and David (Laura) of Silver Bay, MN; and many grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Funeral services for Lester were held at the St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Bertha on Saturday, August 7, 2004 with Reverend Blake Rickbeil presiding. Military Honors were provided by the Veteran's of Foreign Wars Post 6318 and the American Legion Post 280 of

Eagle Bend. Interment of ashes will take place in the St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery in Bertha Township.