



Leo Williamson

December 21, 2015

Leo Williamson, 91, of Lennox, SD died Monday, December 21, 2015 at Dow Rummel Village, Sioux Falls. Leo "Shorty" Raymond Williamson was born in Chokio, MN, on August 11, 1924, the son of Robert and Olga (Erickson) Williamson. He graduated from Chokio High School. He moved to Seattle, WA where he worked in the Navy shipyards. On September 18, 1943, he entered the U.S. Navy where he served with the Underwater Demolition Team #15 as a "frogman" in the Pacific theatre of WWII. After receiving a Purple Heart and Bronze Star, he was honorably discharged on April 12, 1946. Leo then attended trade school for watch making. On June 5, 1948 he was united in marriage to Joyce Ritter in Chokio, MN. The couple lived in Canton, SD and Fargo/Moorhead before moving to Lennox, SD. Here, Leo owned and operated his own jewelry store. He later became the City of Lennox Finance Officer. He also worked for many years as a rural mail carrier for the US Post Office. Leo was a faithful member of the St. Magdalen's Catholic Church. He was a Minnesota Twins and Vikings fan. Leo enjoyed traveling, woodworking, growing roses and most of all, time with his family. To his family, Leo was kind, humble, loving, devoted, faithful and a "Gentle Man". He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers: Edward, Lloyd and Roger and sister, Grace; one son-in-law Craig Bauch. Grateful for having shared his life are his wife, Joyce, Sioux Falls; children: Gary (Mary), Maple Lake, MN, Alan (Brenda), Duluth, MN, Darryl (Joyce), Lennox, Diane Bauch, Sioux Falls and Dean (Debbie), Sioux Falls; eight grandchildren: Alysia (Nick) Franks, Eric (Katie)

Williamson, Matthew Williamson, Marnie Williamson, Kory (Hilary) Williamson, Tanner Bauch, Kortnee (Kyle) Senn and Alex Williamson; six great-grandchildren and other relatives and friends. Services will begin at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 30 at St. Magdalen's Catholic Church, Lennox. Visitation also at St. Magdalen's will begin at 5 p.m. Tuesday, with the family present and a prayer service at 7 p.m.

Tribute Wall

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“ *With special memories of Leo and now our deepest sympathy to the Williamson Family.
Dick & Connie Bogue*

Richard Bogue - December 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Leo, I'm going to miss that smile of yours... I'm going to miss you so much â™;*

crystal gonzalez - December 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Our deepest sympathy to the Williamson family. Thoughts and prayers with everyone. Arlo and Vonnie.*

Arlo and Vonnie Larson - December 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM