



## Wilfred "Willie" John Wilts

January 16, 1922 - February 22, 2013

Wilfred J. "Willie" Wilts, 91, of Firestone, Colorado died Friday, February 22, 2013 at Longmont United Hospital, Longmont, CO. Wilfred John Wilts was born on January 16, 1922 on a farm northwest of Tea, SD, the son of William and Ida (Barnes) Wilts. He served in the US Army Air Forces during World War II. Wilfred was an honorary graduate of Erie, Colorado High School with his granddaughter in the Class of 2005. On April 28, 1942 he was united in marriage to Frances Highstreet in Nebraska. They lived on their farm in Germantown Township their entire married life. Frances died on October 9, 1969. Wilfred married Bernice Reiners Klinghagen on January 1, 1971 at Germantown Church. They farmed southwest of Chancellor and moved to Tea in 1973. Bernice died on November 26, 1984. He moved to Colorado in 1990. He had a special friend, Donna Smith. After 12 years she died on January 16, 2008. He had been a member of Germantown Presbyterian Church, rural Chancellor and at the time of his death was the oldest member of Bertus-Jurgens American Legion Post #283 in Chancellor. Besides his parents, his wives, Frances and Bernice and special friend, Donna Smith, he was preceded in death by a son, Jim Wilts, a daughter, Gloria Steever; sister, Eunice Peterson and brothers: Verlyn, Donovan and Lowell "Ole" Wilts; and several grandchildren. Survivors are his children: LeRoy (Carol) Wilts, Austin, TX, Jerry Wilts, Baynard, NE, Wendell (Denise) Wilts, Firestone, CO, Patty (Stan) Ainsworth, Pierre, SD, Barb (Greg) DeVille, Lake Forest, CA , Roger (Marie) Klinghagen, Hutchinson, MN, Rodney (Arla) Klinghagen, Arlington,

NE, Darlene Klinghagen, Omaha, NE, Barb (Chuck) Stewart, Lennox; SD and Judy (Bill) Irwin, Frisco, CO; 46 grandchildren; 103 great-grandchildren; eight great-great-grandchildren; siblings: Bob Wilts, Grants Pass, OR and Bev (Allen) Nelson, Volga, SD. Services will begin at 2:00 p.m. Friday, March 1, 2013 at Germantown Presbyterian Church, rural Chancellor, SD with burial to follow in the Germantown Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 1 p.m. Thursday at Dindot-Klusmann Funeral Home, Lennox with the family present from 7 to 8 p.m.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Chris & Kim Jossart has sent this Expressions of Sympathy card.

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**Chris & Kim Jossart** - July 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ TO THE FAMILY, THINKING OF YOU AT THIS TIME AND IT'S MY PRAYER YOU FIND HEALING AND COMFORT IN JESUS NAME.WORKING WITH WILL FOR MANY YEARS AT JOHN MORRELL PLANT I NEVER MET A FINER PERSON TO CALL A FRIEND...A KIND AND DECENT MAN.I WILL BE THINKING OF ALL YOU AT THIS TIME. GOD BLESS, MARV WIDMANN

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**MARV WIDMANN** - February 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM