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Norman Mikkelson

Born: 9/29/1914 Died: 10/1/2002

Services will be held at: 10:30 a.m. on Sturday, October 5, 2002 at the Strand Lutheran

Cemetery in Dunbar

Visitation times are: No viewing or visitation is scheduled

Norman "Mike" Mikkelson, age 88, of Laurel, Montana, formerly of Montour, Iowa, died Tuesday, October 1, 2002 at his home under the care of Big Sky Hospice. GRAVESIDE FUNERAL SERVICES will be held Saturday, October 5, 2002, 10:30 A.M. at the Strand Lutheran Church Cemetery, Dunbar, Iowa. There is no VISITATION scheduled. INTERMENT will follow services. MEMORIALS may be directed to Big Sky Hospice, P.O. Box 35033, Billings, Montana 59107 or Strand Lutheran Church, 103 Second Avenue Dunbar, Marshalltown, Iowa 50158. MEMORIAL SERVICES in Laurel, Montana will be held at a later date.

Norman Orlando was born September 29, 1914, in Montour, Iowa, the son of Tom O. & Rachel (Tvedt) Mikkelson. He graduated from the Montour High School in 1932 and from the Iowa State Teachers College in Cedar Falls, Iowa in 1936. He was married to Veva Marcella Buchanan, July 29, 1939 in Spirit Lake, Iowa. Following their marriage, they moved to Superior, Wyoming where he was a coach & teacher and then moved to Glenrock, Wyoming where he was Superintendent of Schools. During their 13 years in Glenrock, he earned a Master's Degree from the University of Wyoming. In 1959, the family moved to Thermopolis, Wyoming where Mike retired in 1970. Following retirement, Mike & Veva lived briefly in Medicine Bow, Wyoming and then in Callaway, Nebraska where they enjoyed many years of farming their small acreage. When they returned to the mountains, they moved just south of Laurel, Montana where Mike said they could see the Beartooth Mountains and enjoy "R&R". Mike was inducted into the Wyoming Coaches Asociation Hall of Fame in 1985. As a sixty-year Lions Club

Member, he had served as District Governer in Nebraska and was named a Melvin Jones Fellow for Humanitarian Services by the Lions Club International in 1998. Mike enjoyed the great outdoors, was an avid sportsman, especially loved to fish and Mike & Veva spent many fishing vacations in Alaska and North Dakota. Mike is survived by his wife: Veva Mikkelson, Laurel, Montana, two daughters: Patty Chalmers, Tempe, Arizona and Susan Mikkelson and husband Thomas Clark, Portland, Oregon, four grandsons: John, Geoff & Mike Chambers and Forrest Clark and five great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister: Irene Cartwright.