

Benjamin L Bader

1925 - 2008

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TEN SLEEP --- Benjamin L. Bader, 83, of Ten Sleep passed away Friday, Oct. 10, 2008 at the Washakie Medical Center in Worland. Ben was born on the family ranch in Ten Sleep on July 27, 1925 to Merton C. and Gertrude (Bull) Bader. He received his education in Ten Sleep and became acquainted with Florence Snyder just prior to moving to Vancouver, Wash. to work as a welder in the shipyards during World War II. Upon his return to Ten Sleep, he became better acquainted with Florence. Accompanied by both sets of parents, they went to Red Lodge, Mont. on July 27, 1946 to be married. The first winter of their marriage, Ben worked for Holly Sugar. Soon after that, he went to work for the Red Horse Gas Station. He continued working there until Lyle, the oldest son, began first grade. Ben then began a long career with the Ten Sleep Schools from 1952 until he "retired" in 1990. His duties included custodial and driving a route bus as well as the activity bus for many years. Some of his favorite students dubbed him "Benny."

In 1993, he went to work for Forest Clay mowing lawns at his ranch. He also served as sexton of the Ten Sleep Cemetery. He was a member to the Ten Sleep Town Council, Cemetery Board and Sanitation Board. He loved spending time with his family, especially taking them to the mountains to camp, fish or hunt. The children fondly remember the summer weekends being spent on the ranch "cowboying." For over 10 years, he cooked for the FFA Leadership Camp.

Ben was very good with his hands; there were few things he couldn't do. He enjoyed serving others and did so even up to the day he died. Ben will be remembered for his big smile, warm heart, and a friendship known to all. He was preceded in death by his parents; one son Carl; his brothers Lloyd, Tom, Willard and Neil; and his sister Agnes. Ben is survived by his wife Florence of Ten Sleep; sons Lyle (Theresa) Bader of Worland and Dale (Joyce) Bader of Thermopolis; daughters Rhonda (Mark) Ronning of Ten Sleep, Pamela (Bob) Conley of Buffalo, Wyo., Kristy (Jon) Pavlus of Worland and Sandra Bader of Buffalo; one brother Merton Bader of Ten Sleep; 15 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, Oct. 14 at 2 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in Ten Sleep with Reverend Grover Briggs officiation. Burial will follow at the Ten Sleep Cemetery.