

HAROLD A BODTKE

1913-1989

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Harold A. Bodtke died Sunday, Dec. 31 at his home south of Ten Sleep. He was 76.

He was born Jan. 26, 1913 in Reynolds, Neb., a son of Albert and Adeline (Schoen) Bodtke. He was raised around Fairbury, Neb., then worked on farms.

On Feb. 9, 1938, he married Mattie M. Folkerts in Lodgepole, Neb.

Following his marriage, he lived in Gurley, Neb., moving to Santa Monica, Calif. in 1940. The family moved back to Nebraska in 1943 and to Sidney, Neb. in 1947.

He worked for the U.S. government at the Sioux Army Supply Depot in Sidney for 19 years. The family moved to their ranch on the Upper Nowood in 1967. The couple lived in Arizona in the wintertime so he could hunt rocks.

He was a member of the Ten Sleep United Methodist Church. He enjoyed hunting and fishing and was a

rockhound.

Survivors include his wife of Ten Sleep; one son, Dale D. of Muddy Gap; one daughter, Mrs. Stan (Carol) Wardlow of Sarasota, Fla.; three stepbrothers, Alden George of Mason City, Iowa, George George of Hemet, Calif. and Maj. Buster George of Heidelberg, Germany; two half-sisters, Joan Wheatcraft of Fairbury, Neb. and Genevieve Grey of Garden City, Kan.; two stepsisters, Thelma Dodge of Weslaco, Texas and Ethel Lorine Stineberg of Clearlake, Iowa and five grandchildren.

The service is scheduled for 1 p.m. Thursday in the Ten Sleep Methodist Church, with the Rev. Jim Heikes officiating. Burial will be in Ten Sleep Cemetery.

Veile Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be made to the Ten Sleep Ambulance Service in care of Box 6, Ten Sleep, 82442.

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Harold Albert Bodtke was born 26 January 1913 to Albert Michael and Wilhelmena Schoen in Nebraska. Both parents were born in Nebraska (1920 U.S. census) and the Bodtkes were living in Buckley, Jefferson County, NE). On 9 February 1938 he married Minnie Maude and the couple lived out their lives together. There are no known children to record herein. In 1940 they were living in Eagle, Cheyenne, Nebraska. He passed away 31 December 1989 when his residence then was Ten Sleep, Washakie, WY.

(if any published data or T.S. residents have memory of the Bodtkes, it would be a welcome addition to the enclosed compilation. fb