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Longtime Ten Sleep resident Harlow Leslie Davis passed away at his home in Ten Sleep on March 19, 2015. He was 96 years old.

Harlow was born on August 18, 1918 on a farm near Allen, Nebraska, a son of Grace M. (Johnson) and Earl Leslie Davis. He moved to Worland with his family in 1921 where he attended schools and graduated from Washakie County High School in 1936.

As a young boy, Harlow worked for the Snyder family at the Fairview Dairy delivering milk and cream before school. When he was older he worked for H. H. Fritzler at his service station. At age 16, he started playing baseball with the American Legion baseball team, and then later with the Worland Indians, a semi-professional team based in Worland. When he was 18 he pitched the first no-hit/no run baseball game in the Big Horn Basin, and that record still stands today.

He eventually signed with the Cincinnati Reds in 1937, but because of his desire to serve his country during World War II he never played for the Reds.

Harlow joined the U.S. Army in 1941 and served until 1946. Upon his discharge he returned to Worland. He was married to his sweetheart Myrtle Emma Schweighart on July 10, 1946 in Red Lodge, Mont., and they were married for 66 years until her death in 2012.

The couple lived on a ranch in Winchester. He was recalled to serve in the Army during the Korean War. Upon his discharge in 1953, the family then moved to Ten Sleep where he ranched for 15 years. In 1968 he took a job with the State of Wyoming Department of Revenue working in the Port of Entry at Sheridan. He eventually became the supervisor at the port, and then retired in 1983. He and Myrtle then moved back to Ten Sleep to be closer to family and friends.

The most important thing in his life was his family. He dearly loved his kids, grandkids and great-grandkids. Even at age 96 he loved having the grandkids crawl up in his lap, and to lovingly tease them. His hobbies included fishing, sports on TV, reading, following the Wyoming Cowboy teams, reading ranching business journals, and being Joe Harrod's "right hand man." He also had been a Wyoming High School Athletic Assn. basketball referee for many years.

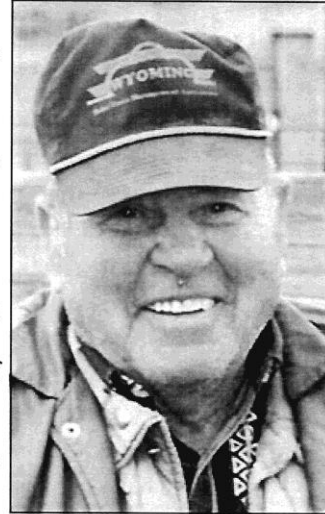
He had been a member of the Ten Sleep Rodeo Assn, Ten Sleep Methodist church, Ten Sleep Senior Center, Ten Sleep Landfill Board, American Legion Post No. 44 in Worland, and the Sheridan Quarterbacks Club.

He was preceded in death by his parents, by his three sisters and one brother, and by his loving wife Myrtle.

Harlow is survived by his children Kathy (Maurice) Bush of Ten Sleep, Les (Dale) Davis of Parker, Colo., and Charles (Barbara) Davis of Scottsdale, Ariz; and by his grandchildren Heidi (Jarrod) Glanz of Worland, Carrie (Jack) Kelly of Chicago, Ill., Abby (Mike) Yager of Cody Myles Bush of Ten Sleep, and Byron Davis, Greg Davis and Nick Davis all of Parker, Colo. He is also survived by his great grandchildren Madilyn, Emma, Katie, Conor and Zoie, and by his special friend Mary Margaret Leithead who checked on him every day.

The funeral service will be at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, March 24, at the United Methodist Church in Ten Sleep with Rev. Charles Cooper officiating. Burial will follow at the Ten Sleep Cemetery with American Legion Post No. 44 providing graveside military honors. The casket will be open at the church from 11 a.m. until service time on Tuesday.

Memorials may be made to the Ten Sleep Senior Citizen Center, to the Ten Sleep Ambulance, or to the Ten Sleep Fire Department by sending them to Veile Mortuary – P. O. Box 349 – Worland, WY 82401-0349.



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