

EARNEST E LAROSE
(1925-1944)

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Sources cited: U.S. Census 1930, WW II Enlistment records
Specific others shown in text.

Earnest E LaRose (Mert!) was born 14 April 1925 in Hot Springs Co, WY (the family came to Ten Sleep from Lucerne, Hot Springs, WY) to Prosper E (Specks) and May LaRose. He was blessed with a sister Lenora (Peachy) and a brother Floyd (Flossie). Prosper and May farmed near the Clyde Harvard holdings on Nowood Creek for about 5 years. Earnest attended Ten Sleep High School and graduated from there in 1943. WW II was in the height of conflict when he enlisted in the U.S. Army (Enlistment place: Ft Francis E Warren) on the 14 June 1943 at the age of 18; his rank was a private. One year later, 24 June 1944, he was a PFC in the U.S. Army and was killed in the South Pacific. His resting place is Honolulu, Hawaii, National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl 2177 Puowana Dr, Section N site 238) 1944-2011. (Report on Ancestry.com.) His name is on the Memorial commemorating those who died in WW II active service from Ten Sleep, WY; presented by the Ten Sleep GSA 1946.

Memories: Earnest (Mert as the youth called him) was a very blond young man with a look of freshness and well-behaved in the school system and with his peers, in general. He was of medium height and weight and a very spiffy looking soldier when he appeared on leave at one time. It was a broken-hearted May LaRose and the little family of Prosper that received the telegram announcing his death. I think I witnessed it as I was in the Ten Sleep Grocery Store then managed by Sam and Dolly McPike when the LaRose's drove into town and parked in front of the Ten Sleep Drug Store. It seemed as if Mert LaRose had only lived to die for his country. fb