

Leonard "Babe" Tislau, 89, of Highmore, passed away, Monday, September 10, 2012 at Avera St. Luke's Hospital in Aberdeen.

Leonard Richard (Babe) Tislau was born to Ludvig and Barbara (Fischer) Tislau on November 25, 1922 at Delmont, SD where he and his parents lived until the spring of 1927. At that time they moved to a farm southeast of Highmore, SD. They lived there for some time until they bought a farm seven and one-half miles south and one and one-half mile west of Highmore, SD. He spent his time helping his parents' farm and doing odd jobs for the neighbors. Leonard loved to hunt, fish, and trap which he did when not working or going to school.

One windy day, he and his brother Louis were splitting firewood when Louis noticed a finger on the ground. Babe said it wasn't his, but then noticed one missing. They went to the neighbor who took Babe to the doctor who sewed it up.

In 1946, Babe bought a farm six and one-half miles south and one mile east of Highmore where he lived alone until he married Nola Walker in 1951. Together they raised four children: Bernice, Charlene, Barbara, and Richard. They farmed there until 1957 when he sold that farm and bought a farm one and one-half miles south of Highmore. In 1963, he sold that farm and at this time, he bought a house in Highmore and went to work for the State Highway Department. He worked for the state for 20 years before retiring. He also did custom haying and worked for farmers.

Babe loved bowling which he did for many years. He also was involved in trapshooting until the league broke up. He loved to fish, especially walleyes, at West Bend. He also loved to hunt and went on trips for moose, elk, and caribou, as well as deer, both east and west river. He loved to upland hunt for grouse and pheasants and particularly geese. When not hunting and fishing, Babe liked to play pinochle with his friends. He was a sportsman and a friend to anyone in need.

He will be missed by all.

Babe is survived by his three daughters: Bernice (Dale) Sonterre of Blaine, MN, Charlene (Gary) Payne of Vermillion, and Barbara (Dennis) Schaffer of Lewistown, MT; his brother: Leroy (Lorena) Tislau of Sheboygan, WI; his sister: Elda Olson of Pierre; seven grandchildren: Kathy Curley, Shelly (Randy) Chesley, Jason (Lynette) Payne, Sonia Cutting (special friend, Chuck), Cecilee (Javier) Roman, Daniel Tislau, and Brent (Ginny) Tislau; 12 great grandchildren: Celeste, Bobby and Shannon Curley, Allen and Anthony Payne, Nathan, Gage and Mason Cutting, Jonathan and Liliana Roman, and Briona and Gabe Tislau and one great-grandchild, Maeson.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ludvig and Barbara; brothers: Louis and Emil; and a son: Richard.

Arrangements Entrusted To



Highmore, South Dakota
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A Fisherman's Prayer

***"God grant that I may
live to fish until my dying day
And when my final cast is made
And life has slipped away.***

***I pray that God's
Great landing net
Will catch me in its sweep***

***And in his mercy,
God will judge me
Big enough to keep."***

--Author Unknown

Celebrating A Life

Leonard R. "Babe" Tislau

November 25, 1922
Delmont, South Dakota

September 10, 2012
Aberdeen, South Dakota

Our Dad

***If we could write a story
It would be the greatest ever told
Of a kind and loving father
Who had a heart of gold.***

***If we could write a million pages
But still be unable to say
Just how much we love and miss him
Every single day.***

***We will remember all he taught us
We're hurt but won't be sad
'cuz he'll send us down the answers
And he'll always be OUR DAD.***

PRAYER SERVICE

7:00 p.m., Thursday, September 13, 2012
Luze Funeral Home
Highmore, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE

2:00 p.m., Friday, September 14, 2012
United Methodist Church
Highmore, South Dakota

OFFICIATING

Pastor Kori Lehrkamp

CASKETBEARERS

Brent Tislau
Gage Cutting

Allen Payne
Mason Cutting

Nathan Cutting
Stephen Porter

HONORARY CASKETBEARERS

Speed McCloud
Arnold Rittel

Gerald Boller
Bill Paynter

LeRoy Ratzlaff
Merrill Payne

CANDLE LIGHTERS

Liliana Roman & Gabe Tislau

USHERS

Jake Vilhauer & Mike Luze

GUESTBOOK

Roberta Dubois

MUSICIAN

Roger Day

"Old Rugged Cross"

"Amazing Grace"

"In the Garden"

INTERMENT

Highmore Cemetery
Highmore, South Dakota