

Leonard Gotto, 84

June 24, 1922 - Oct. 18, 2006

UTE — Leonard Arthur Gotto was born June 24, 1922, in Castana to Matt and Anna (Windeshausen) Gotto. He graduated from Castana High School in 1940 and served in the Navy in World War II.

Leonard married Mary Ann Madsen Oct. 14, 1950, and to this union seven children were born. They farmed in the Castana, Blencoe, and Ute areas until 1975 when they moved to Ute. Leonard then worked for Sheldon Naab and Monona County, Mapleton, until 1984. Mary Ann died May 2, 1987.

Leonard married Darlene Nelson July 8, 1989. He was a member of the American Legion Aaby Post #442 of Ute for 60 years and an active member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Ute. He died Oct. 18, 2006, in Onawa at age 84.

Leonard was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Ann, his parents, two brothers and four sisters. He is survived by his wife, Darlene of Ute; children, Randy of Castana; Pam of Sioux City; Tony (Kathleen) of Omaha, NE; Jeff (Diane) of Ute; Steve of Wilmington, NC; Charlie (Heather) of Harlan; and Georgia (Verdeen) Hennings of Charter Oak; step-children, Debbie (Cecil) Vann of Denver, CO; Daniel (Kim) Nelson of Seattle, WA; and Dennis (Suè Lynn) Nelson of Ute; sister, Polly Schueller of Parris, CA; brothers, Sy and Cliff, both of Long Beach, CA; Clete (Maxine) of Council Bluffs; and Gib of Castana; brothers-in-law, Don (Sheryl) Peterson of Ute, Darrell (Shirley) Peterson of Atlanta, FL; and Louis (Jan) Madsen of Farmington, MO; sister-in-law, Dorothy Treft of Perry; nine grandchildren; eight step grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Oct. 23, 2006, at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Charter Oak, with Rev. Donald Slaven celebrant. Burial was in the St. Clair Cemetery in Ute with the Ute American Legion Aaby Post #442 and V.F.W. Post #5605 performing military graveside honors. Honorary casket bearers were Tina Bailey, Ashley Gotto, Dana Gotto, Gib Gotto, Michael Gotto and David Gotto. Casket bearers were Bradey Gotto, Matt Gotto, Tony Lee Gotto, Adam Bailey, Josh Gotto and Bruce Hennings. Armstrong Funeral Home in Mapleton in charge of arrangements.

