

Merril B. Asay**Date of Death:** 12/21/2011

Merril Boice Asay peacefully passed away on December 21, 2011. He was born in Lovell, Wyoming on July 9, 1921; he was the 9th child of Adelbert and Delila Boice Asay. He attended the Lovell Public school and lettered in football. He learned the trade of plastering working for his father as a hod-carrier. He served in Troop A 115th Horse Cavalry; one of the last horse cavalry units of the U.S. Military. He furthered his education at the University of Wyoming, graduating in 1943 with a degree in Vocational Agriculture. He excelled in the wrestling program at the University. He was drafted 1942 and was assigned to the U.S. Army- Air force; he served in Kimbolten, England during World War II as an Engineering Operation Specialist. It was during his furlough in August 1945 that the past three years became worthwhile and his fate was decided; he met his wife Delsa Harris and they were married in December. He served a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Southern States Mission. Merrill was educated as a teacher and taught vocational agriculture throughout the world. He worked for the United States Agency for International Development; some areas where he worked are Afghanistan, Brazil, Vietnam, Nepal, Cape Verde Islands, Tunisia, and The Gambia West Africa. He retired to his farm in Lovell, Wyoming in 1981. He filled his time farming, remodeling, and building. He is preceded in death by his parents, several siblings, and his dear wife. He is survived by two siblings: Cal Asay, and Helen Shumway, his 5 children: Loreen Asay, Jerry (Hope), Heber (Robyn), Garnet (Dave Jolley), and Tom (Evie), and many loving family members. Funeral will take place on December 28, 2011 at the Lovell Wyoming Stake building at 11:00. Viewing will be from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the West Chapel. Internment at the Lovell Cemetery.