



Leo was born November 28, 1913 on the family farm 1 ½ miles northwest of Powers Lake, ND, the son of Ole and Lizzy (Rude) Slotsve. He grew up in the Baptist faith and was raised and educated in Powers Lake. He played basketball for the Powers Lake Independent Night Hawks and helped bring home a state title in 1936 with his brother Clifton Slotsve on the team. Leo was awarded a trophy for outstanding player in the tournament. Leo also played high school basketball with his brother Ottis.

He entered the United States Army on January 21, 1942. He served with Battery A of the 395th Field Artillery Battalion in Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, West Germany, Ardennes, Battle of the

Bulge and Central Europe, during World War II. He earned the Bronze Service Arrowhead and the Good Conduct Medal. He was honorably discharged on October 23, 1945. Leo worked construction for a time on the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco, CA, before returning to North Dakota.



While in Germany, Leo met his future wife, Johanna. On May 10, 1948 Leo married Johanna Grosskopf in Minot, ND. In 1946, he went into partnership with Bernie Irwin and together they ran the City Barbershop in Minot. In 1960 he purchased the barber shop and owned and operated it until 1973, when it was destroyed by fire. Leo continued to barber at the Town and Country Barbershop, the North Hill Barbershop and later the Minot Air Force Base Barbershop and he barbered well into his 80's. His wife Johanna died on January 5, 2003. Leo entered Trinity Homes in May of 2003, where he since had lived.



Leo loved to bowl and bowled in a Minot league from 1952 until 2003 and many weeks he bowled twice a week. He bowled with several different teams, but in the 1980's he was on the Eagles and Peterson Excavating teams. He loved to play cards and was an avid pinochle and checkers player. He was a member of the Eagles Aerie, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion and Moose Lodge, all in Minot.

Leo was a very kind, helpful and gentle man, who will be missed dearly by his loving family.



In Loving Memory
Of
Leo H. Slotsve
1913 ~ 2008

