



## Obituary

**Died:** Saturday, December 27, 2014

STEVENSVILLE – In the early morning hours of Saturday, Dec. 27, 2014, Robert Alden Vernon peacefully passed away at the North Valley Living Centre in Stevensville with family members by his side. Robert "Bob" was born in Rockport, Utah, on Nov. 15, 1920. He attended high school in Coalville, Utah. He joined the U.S. Army in 1942. He courageously fought in World War II and was wounded at the Battle of the Bulge. Bob was a hero to all his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, not only for serving our country, but for being a generous, kind and loving man. Bob met the love of his life, Rose Neel, in 1946 at Park City, Utah. They were married March 15, 1947, in Elko, Nevada. Their children, Carol Ann and Arnold, were born in Coalville. Bob, Rose and children moved to the Bitterroot Valley in 1954 and have lived every since. While in Utah, Bob was part of a drill team posse and competed in barrel racing. He won some impressive barrel racing trophies. Bob enjoyed the horses even after moving to the Bitterroot Valley. He rode a horse to do his irrigating on the Ruffatto Ranch. Bob worked at the sugar beet factory in Missoula, was a custodian at Florence School, was a miner, logger and rancher, and owned his own farm. He taught his children and grandchildren the value of hard work. He was a man of few words but was full of wisdom and wit. On Father's Day 2013, Bob got to go on the Montana Honor Flight to Washington, D.C. It was a highlight for him to be accompanied by his son. They not only enjoyed seeing the World War II monument and other historic monuments in Washington, D.C. but also they enjoyed a little sightseeing trip to Yellowstone National Park. Bob is preceded in death by his parents, Earl and Helen Irene Vernon; brothers, Fred, Jay, Leonard, Jim, Gene, Darrell and Bill; and sisters, Marjorie and Theo. Bob is survived by his wife of 67 years, Rose of Florence; daughter, Carol Ann and husband Jim Zeiler of Moiese; son, Arnold and wife Vickie Vernon of Stevensville; and grandchildren, Christie and husband Shawn Tennant of Glendive, Becki and husband Ron Lords of Stevensville, Rod and wife Kari Zeiler of Frenchtown, Robbie and wife Lee Vernon of Belgrade, and Tawnya and husband Joel Farnsworth of Salt Lake City. His surviving great-grandchildren are Bailey (Alex), Garrett (Lacey), Lindsay and Dillon of Glendive; Joshua, Austin, Christopher, Haley, Hadli Lords and exchange granddaughter YuTing Chen of Stevensville; Mya and Risa Zeiler of Frenchtown; and Katie Rose and Annabelle Vernon of Belgrade. Services will be held at the Stevensville LDS Stake House at 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 2 with viewing one hour prior to service. Interment will be at the Victor Cemetery following the service with military honors.

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## Service Summary

### Visitation

12:00 PM to 1:00 PM, Fri Jan 02, 2015

### Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

100 Middle Burnt Fork Road  
Stevensville,, Montana 59870

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### Funeral Service

1:00 PM Fri Jan 02, 2015

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