Bernard Louis Simon
(June 18, 1918 - July 6, 2009)


There will be a wake service at the church at 7:00 PM Thursday with visitation beginning at 5:00 PM.

Bernard Louis Simon was born to Leo and Katie (Artz) Simon on June 18, 1918 in Hoven, South Dakota. He was raised on the family farm west of Hoven until the age of 2 when the family moved into town. He attended grade school at St. Bernard’s and St. Anthony’s and high school in Lebanon, SD and Gettysburg, SD, graduating in 1937. After attending the Aberdeen School of Commerce he moved to San Diego, CA where he was employed at Consolidated Aircraft. There he married the love of his life Grace Kennedy (Onida, SD) on Nov. 22, 1941. In the spring of 1942 they moved back to Hoven where Bernard spent his life as a cattle dealer/feeder as well as a farmer. He sold his last pen of cattle in March of this year. Bernard has said that over the years he has been chased, stepped on, and ran over by about every kind of livestock there is. Bernie found much satisfaction working with his cattle business and cherished the many friendships he made through his cattle dealings. He enjoyed dancing, card playing and fishing with friends and family. He was an active member of St. Anthony’s Catholic Church.

Bernard is survived by his sons, Ron of Sioux Falls, SD, Donavon of Bakersfield, CA, Tom (Linda) of Aberdeen and Daniel of San Francisco, CA; his daughters, Pat Gisi of Ipswich, SD, Deb (Dan) DeRouchey of Berthold, ND, Laurie (Fritz) Rogstad of Bismarck, ND and Julie (Jeff) Schroeder of New Salem, ND; one sister Irene Arbach, Rapid City, SD; 22 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren.

Preceding Bernard in death is his wife, Grace, in 2002; parents; one brother, Henry, and one sister, Laura VonWald.