



Miguel “Mike” Alvarado

August 19, 1926 – December 22, 2012

Mike Alvarado, 86, longtime Brule resident, passed away peacefully Saturday, Dec. 22, 2012, at Indian Hills Manor in Ogallala.

Miguel "Mike" Alvarado was born August 19, 1926 in Walsenburg, Colo., the son of Juan and Antonia (Hernandez) Alvarado. The family moved southwest of Big Springs, Nebr. Mike attended school in rural Deuel and Keith Counties. Mike graduated from Ogallala High School but could not attend the graduation since he was leaving for the Armed Forces. Mike entered the Army on May 10, 1945. During World War II Mike was attached to the 6th Mechanized Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop in Korea. Mike served with distinction, reaching the rank of Sergeant before he was discharged at Camp Beale, Cal. on Dec. 29, 1946.



On January 21, 1948 Mike married Elena Helen Valdivia in Guadalajara, Mexico. They returned to Ogallala and later began farming southwest of Brule. Always a hard-working couple, they rented land first from Harold Ballentine and over the years rented more land from several other families including the Palsers, Bates and Prochaskas.

Mike and Helen retired in 1994 and moved to Brule. He continued helping area farmers and enjoyed cutting wood with his good friend, John Van Velson.

Preceding him in death was his wife Helen; one granddaughter Christina Marie Reyna; his parents; two sisters Carmen Jimenez and Andrea Vallero, a brother Manuel Alvarado, and sister-in-law Frances Alvarado.

Survivors include his son Michael (wife Sandy) Alvarado of North Platte; and two daughters: Patty (husband Robert) Reyna and Lydia Sheldon, all of Brule. Two brothers: Joe Alvarado and Max (Nellie) Alvarado and one sister Hope Ulibarri, all of Thornton, CO. and one sister-in-law Annie Alvarado of Colorado. And six grandchildren: Eric Sheldon of Denver, Michael Reyna of Cozad, Angela Sheldon of Omaha, Kristin (Ray) Estrada of Citrus Heights, Cal., Jonathan (Amber) Alvarado of Grand Island, and Michelle (Preston) Petersen of Lincoln. and one great-grandchild Nicolas Estrada of Citrus Heights, Cal.

Visitation will be Wednesday, Dec. 26, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Draucker Funeral Home. The Rosary Service will be Thursday, Dec. 27, at 10 a.m., followed by the Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30 a.m. in St. Lukes Catholic Church. Rev. Bryan Ernest is the Celebrant. Interment is in the Brule Cemetery with military honors by the Keith County Veterans Organization.

A memorial has been established in his name. Online condolences may be sent to webmaster@drauckerfh.com.

Draucker Funeral Home of Ogallala is in charge of arrangements.