



Our beloved husband, father, and grandfather, Lauren Sikkema, passed away very peacefully in his home on Tuesday, October 16, 2007. He would have been 87 on Wednesday, but God determined that Lauren would spend his birthday in heaven. He is presently with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Lauren was born in Fulton, Illinois on October 17, 1920. He was the son of Jacob and Anna Sikkema.

He has one surviving brother, Wayne. He graduated from Lyndon High School in Illinois. He married Carlene Mason on December 20, 1941.

Lauren was a WWII veteran. He served three years in the US Air Force as a crew chief on a B24 bomber

Lauren and Carlene had three children, Larry, Jerry, and Susan. He was a finish carpenter for years in Illinois, then moved to Bozeman in 1993. He loved being a husband to his high school sweetheart, spending time with his family, building things, nature, his home at the end of Bear Canyon, and fresh strawberry pie.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his son, Jerry.

Lauren is survived by his wife, Carlene; son Larry (Diane) Sikkema; and daughter, Sue (Jerry) Karsky. He is also survived by seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren who will continue to be blessed by his legacy.

All those who knew him and loved him, will dearly miss his smile, his love, and his encouragement.

Graveside memorial services will be held at 11 am Saturday, October 20, 2007 at the Salesville Cemetery, Gallatin Gateway, MT. Visitation hours at Dokken-Nelson Funeral Service from 12 pm – 9 pm Friday, Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>.