



## Leslie Russell

August 17, 1925 - May 1, 2009

Leslie A. Russell died at his lake home under the care of his wife and Hospice of the Red River Valley on May 1, 2009.

Leslie Andrew Russell, Jr. was born on August 17, 1925 in Seattle, WA, the son of Leslie A. and Birdie (Mathaison) Russell. He served with the US Army from October 21, 1943 until January 22, 1946. He was with the 101st Airborne. He married Martha Jane "Markie" Larsen in 1952. She died in 1969. Les was an English professor for 29 years at Bemidji State in Bemidji, MN. On March 5, 1988, he was married to Julee Hauff in Burnsville, MN. He retired in 1993. The couple moved to Valley City, ND in 1995.

Les was a member of the VFW.

Leslie is survived by his wife, Julee of Valley City; son, David of Minneapolis, MN; daughter, Linda (John Mirocha) Russell of Minnetonka, MN; grandchildren, Erin and Jordan Mirocha; brothers, Bruce (Pat) of Everett, WA and James (Wanda) Olympia, WA; and beloved dogs, Shelby and Pogo. He was preceded in death by his parents and his first wife.

# Previous Events

## Service

MAY 6. 2:30 PM (CT)

Vangstad Auditorium  
101 College St. SW  
Valley City, ND

# Tribute Wall



“ Julee,  
We were deeply saddened to see Les had passed. He being such a soft and gentle man. He will be missed. I hope you still find comfort at the lake, I know we sure enjoy the peace out there.  
Tom and Juleen Cruff###imported-begin##Juleen & Tom Cruff###imported-end##

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May 13, 2009 at 09:22 AM



“ Dear Julee, May it help in your sorrow to know that your grief is shared. May confort come to you quickly.###imported-begin##Guina and Lorenzo Castaneda###imported-end##

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May 08, 2009 at 01:38 AM



“ Julee, David, Linda and family --- my thoughts and prayers are with all of you through this trying time and always -- Uncle Les will be greatly missed. He holds a very special place in my heart and I will always cherish the memories I have of him!! In my heart with lots of love, Hilaree, Tehya, Kimimila###imported-begin##Hilaree###imported-end##

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May 07, 2009 at 10:55 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.###imported-begin##Erin (Skarloken) Kading###imported-end##

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May 06, 2009 at 01:22 PM



“ Julee, my prayers and thoughts are with you during this time. Cherish the memories as people share their stories and pictures with you.##imported-begin##Christie Anderson##imported-end##

May 06, 2009 at 12:29 PM



“ Dearest Julee and Family: Our deepest Sympathy at your loss. We will always remember Les for his quiet, gentleness. Our thoughts are with you during this time of sorrow.##imported-begin##George and Bonnie Dutton##imported-end##

May 06, 2009 at 09:09 AM



“ May you find peace and comfort during this difficult time. Cherish the precious wonderful memories. Our thoughts and prayers are with all.##imported-begin##Dan & Katherine McRoberts##imported-end##

May 05, 2009 at 10:25 PM



“ Julee,  
  
So sorry and words will never express what we feel. Les, Paul, you, and I have had a lot of fun and these are the memories that we will never forget. If you need anything just call. Kelly and I both send our love.  
  
Lynn and Kelly##imported-begin##Lynn and Kelly Skugrud##imported-end##

May 05, 2009 at 10:21 PM



“ Julee, David, Linda and family ~ I wish that I could be with you to say goodbye to Uncle Les. Although my family and won't be there in person, please know that we are thinking of you. I have very fond memories of spending time with Uncle Les, especially with him and Zeus showing off! That and some great BBQ! Please know that we will miss him, he was a wonderful man and we are lucky to have known him. Sending our love, Kimber, Brett, Malachi, Kenna and Cale##imported-begin##Kimberlea Emmons##imported-end##

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May 05, 2009 at 03:52 PM



“ Julie,

*You and Les are among my more memorable treasured experiences from BSU days. Les challenged me in so many ways with his mind and his ability to teach in so many areas. I am grateful to him for my own growth as an academic and a plain person. We have lost something very special now that Les has decided to move on. You are in my thoughts as you honor Les for what he has meant to you and to his many admiring colleagues at BSU.##imported-begin##Judy McDonald##imported-end##*

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May 04, 2009 at 05:23 PM



“ Julee,

*Just know that I am thinking of you during this time. Hugs when I see you...mln##imported-begin##Mary Lee Nielson##imported-end##*

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May 04, 2009 at 03:41 PM



“ *Julee and family,*

*Les was such a lovable and intelligent man with so much love for you all and will be missed by everyone who knew and cared for him.*

*Julee, I hope you will send me your email so we can correspond occasionally.*

*Love, Kay##imported-begin##Kay McCune##imported-end##*

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May 04, 2009 at 10:03 AM



“ *Julie and Family -*

*Sending you my heartfelt condolences during this sad time. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

*God Bless,*

*Leslie##imported-begin##Leslie (Skarloken) Olson##imported-end##*

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May 04, 2009 at 09:42 AM



“ *Les was a wonderful friend and colleague. I will miss him.##imported-begin##Michael Field##imported-end##*

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May 03, 2009 at 12:21 PM



“ Les will be missed as a teacher, mentor, friend, and colleague. A former head of BSU's Division of Arts and Humanities once referred to him as the finest stylist in the English Department. He was a perceptive, insightful man with a bigger heart than he sometimes let on.##imported-begin##Elaine and Evan Hazard##imported-end##

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May 02, 2009 at 10:04 PM



“ Julee, our thoughts are with you at this difficult time. We appreciated all the time we spent with you and when I drive past your old house I remember the happy times we had there. The Goldens are so special; we now have our own Cajun, and I think of you two with yours often. Bless you.##imported-begin##Rich and Meredith Kehoe##imported-end##

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May 02, 2009 at 06:21 PM



“ Please accept our deepest sympathy for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Del and Bonnie Hauff##imported-end##

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May 02, 2009 at 03:05 PM



“ I'd like to express my sympathy at your loss. Your husband and father was one of my teacher's when I attended BSU. I remember him as a nice man and caring instructor. Blessed be his memory. Laurie##imported-begin##Laurie (Joy) Turner##imported-end##

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May 02, 2009 at 09:01 AM