Leo Bender

February 15, 1917 – May 21, 1985



Leo Bender, 68, of Sioux Falls, died May 21, 1985, at McKennan Hospital.

Leo was born February 15, 1917, in Menno, South Dakota. He attended the South Dakota School for the Deaf, graduating in 1937. He worked for John Morrell & Company for 32 years before retiring in 1979.

He married Violet Dyce on February 7, 1947, in Sioux Falls. He was a member of the Rapid City, South Dakota, and National Associations of the Deaf.

Runners-up of Midwest Schools for the Deaf Basketball Tourney



Back row—Coach A. J. Krohn, Orvell Rust, Carroll Christensen, Leo Bender, Glen Ziegler, Manager E. Ivan Curtis. Front row—George Hanson, Merle Christensen, Captain Edwin Engelgau, Lyle Shoup, Palmer Larson.

At the time of his death, survivors included his wife, Violet; five sons, John, Bobby, Leo Jr., and Edward, all of Sioux Falls, and Jimmy of Dell Rapids; three daughters, Betty Bender of Grand Rapids, Michigan, and Diane Fuller and Carol Bender, both of Sioux Falls; 10 grandchildren; and one sister, Frances VanderBush of Sioux Falls.



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Funeral services were held at East Side Baptist Church, with burial at Hills of Rest Memorial Park. Visitation was held at Chapel Hill Funeral Home.

