

BROWN, Leonard Mitchell 19 Apr 1921 - 20 Sep 2007
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BROWN, Leonard Mitchell, (Mike) April 19, 1921 - September 20, 2007. Passed away peacefully in his sleep with his loved ones at his side. Born in Niagra Falls, N.Y., came to Tucson in the late 20's when you hitched your horse to the post downtown, took in a matinee, stopped by the consumers Market to purchase penny candies to share with his anxiously awaiting horse, Partner. He attended St. Peter & Paul school, where he amused the nuns, which included Sister Suzanna and Sister Emily, by giving them rides on his burro, Jerry. As a young man he was honored to ride his Harley side by side with Tucson Police Department, as crowd control for the Tucson Rodeo Parade. A Veteran of WWII where he was a Staff Sergeant, serving in the South Pacific. He was a life member of the N.R.A., D.A.V. chapter 2, and the American Legion. As a young man he dreamed of making his home in the Tucson Mountains. His dream was fulfilled in 1958 when he purchased his current home and raised his eight children side by side with the desert wildlife and all of their beloved animals. Back in the days when Lil' Abners was owned by Larry Lewis and was no more than a small bar and roping arena, you would find him roping by day and dancing by night to the unforgettable sounds of Dean Armstrong and his country band. He was a perfectionist in everything he did, including his beautiful leather works. The love of his life was his family which included his loving wife, eight children, 20 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren. His two daughters, Carol Ann and Janet Francis preceded him in death. He is survived by his beloved wife, Eleanor and his six children, Linda Marie (Gary Johnson), Barbara Diane, Beverly Louise (Dr. John Manfredonia), Charles Leonard, Gayle Marlene, Mary Elizabeth (Rod Johnson). A Memorial Mass will be held on Friday, September 28, 2007 at 11:00 a.m., at Most Holy Trinity Church, 1300 N. Greaswood Ave., Tucson, AZ 85745. In lieu of flowers, please make donations in his name to Most Holy Trinity Parish, Tucson Humane Society or to any non-profit organization affiliated with humane treatment to animals.

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