



Al Golden

October 10, 1927 - March 22, 2012

Al Golden, 84, Bismarck, died March 22, 2012, at a Bismarck hospital. A memorial service will be held Tuesday at 1:00 PM at First Presbyterian Church in Bismarck. There will be no visitation as cremation has taken place. Al was born on October 10, 1927, in East St. Louis, Illinois, to Thomas and Flora Golden. He served in the Coast Guard during WWII, and graduated from Ohio State after his service. After graduation and with a degree in animal husbandry, he moved to Montana and worked as a veteran's farm training instructor before entering the oil industry as a Mobil Oil scout. Al worked in various aspects of the oil industry for the next 60 years, forming his own company Golden Oil. He was active in the oil industry serving on the North Dakota Petroleum Council and the association's legislative committee. Al was the first inductee in the North Dakota Petroleum Council Hall of Fame and president of the Rocky Mountain Oil and Gas Association and the North Dakota Landman's Association. Governor Guy appointed him to the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission where he served. He chaired the board of the Greater North Dakota Association and worked on the vision 2000 planning committee. Al's interests other than the oil world were ranching and piloting his own Mooney. Al is survived by his wife, Mary, Bismarck; son, Jeff, Maple Falls, Washington; stepson, Judd Stewart, Bozeman, Montana; and four grandchildren, Thomas Mangan, Minneapolis, Grant, Oregon, Sierra, North Carolina, and Jack, Fargo. He is preceded in death by his parents and son, Michael.

Tribute Wall

CM

“Hi Mary, I just heard from LaVonne about Al passing. I am so sorry to hear, he was a remarkable man and you had many great years together. I lost John 3 years ago, so I know what your are going through. Call us when you are in Mpls. Take care, Christine

Christine Maxson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TS

“Dear Mary and family: I was so sorry to hear of Al's passing. In reading some of the other entries, I also feel that ND and the oil industry/business has lost a great person. Dean and I had many good times with Al and I will miss our visits. After Dean passed away, Al was always there to help anytime. We find so few people in this world to truly call a friend. Al was one of a kind. I know he will be missed not only by me and my family but many many more whose lives he touched. God Bless and know my prayers are with you. Theola

Theola Stetson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GS

“Mary and Family: I can't express my sadness in hearing of Al's passing. He has been such a wonderful friend to me and my family for so many years and he and my dad were such buddies. I so enjoyed listening to all of Al's stories, being awestruck by his immense knowledge and wishing I could have spent more time with him. I will miss him terribly as I know you all will. Thank you for allowing me to be part of his extended "family" Please know I will be available should you need anything. My love to you, Gere

Gere Stetson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PR

“ Mary, Bill and I were very saddened to learn of Al's passing. We have lost a truly fine man. We always loved visiting with you and Al about all things equine at various RMOGA functions. Our deepest sympathy.

Paula & Bill Roberts - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ To Mary and the family our condolences and thoughts are with you during this time.

Joyce and Ken Luff - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ May GOD Bless

Rodney Conway - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Mary, I'm sorry for your loss. Al showed me, that even a small Farmhand is a important person. I will always remember the talks we had in Gilby. I was welcome at the house and learend alot about live. God bless the family.

Daniel Spillmann - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ It is with great sadness to hear of the passing of Al. When I first moved to North Dakota in the early '70's as a landman with Hunt Oil Company, Al was so kind to me. He became a mentor as well as a close friend. Even though I lost touch with him over the years I will always have fond memories of our relationship. Al, you are missed.

Steven Hord - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BJ

“ Mary and Family, Linda and I want to extend our condolences to you and the rest of the family. We were very fortunate to have Al as an office neighbor for many years and we always admired his professionalism in his work and his dedication to the ND Oil Industry. We will miss him.

Bob & Linda Johnson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ Mary, Our Thoughts and Prayers are with you. Al treated everyone with dignity and respect. His Life was a Blessing to all who knew him. We all should strive to be as kind as he was. He will be missed.

Michael Kramer - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Dear Mary and Family, Although never directly associated with Al in the oil business, I often related stories that my dad had of his times with Al, especially those of his flying experiences. It was always a joy to see Al and visit with him whenever I happen to meet him out and about. A true gentleman he was. My condolences and deepest sympathies to you all. Jeff

Jeff Saxvik - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ Dear Mary, I read of Al's death and wanted to express my love and sympathy to you. Although we didn't see each other all that often, I always appreciated our conversations. I'll be praying for you comfort and guidance. Sincerely, Donna Kennedy

Donna Kennedy - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CN

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I have fantastic memories of times out at your place and Mr. Golden was always a part of them. He simply made me want to be a better person. One of my favorite memories was picking rocks and heading to Medora for the musical. And of course, there was the annual round-up - that was awesome. He has been a blessing to many.

Chris Nelson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ Your deepest condolences for your loss. Al was such an important part of my life as I was growing up. Mom still talks so favorable about the 18 years that she worked for Al. He is very missed. Our thoughts are with you.

Linda & Cindy Temple - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ The oil business has lost a great pioneer. Rest in peace, Al.

Scott Key - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Thinking of Al and sending thoughts and prayers to you and the family, Mary.

Lois Monson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Mary, Our deepest sympathy to you and your family. We have known Al since our move to Bismarck in 1965 and have many fond memories of him thru church and Canada fishing trips. God Bless

Jo & Diana Cofell - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Wish we were closer so I could give you a hug. We always found Al to be a real gentleman and a nice guy. Hope to see you this summer.

David & Shirley Dickson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GN

“ A GREAT neighbor and a better friend. Al will be missed every Saturday morning.

Gary & Linda Ness - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Deepest sympathy to the Golden Family. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this time. Al was a wonderful person and always had a smile for everyone. He will be truly missed. God bless you all.

Carol Maas Mitchell - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DP

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RE

“ *Dear Mary, I am sorry for your loss. I extend my deepest condolences.*

Rolf Eggers - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ *I owe my career to Al and we will miss him.*

matt and susan lawrence - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ *Mary, I could never express the love and appreciation my family and I have for you and Al. He was a wonderful friend and will be greatly missed. My prayers are with you.*

Beth Ann Psencik - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM