



## Albert William Holwegner

November 14, 1920 - November 22, 2010

Albert "Al" Holwegner, 90, Bismarck, died November 22, 2010, at his home. Funeral services will be held on 1:30 pm Saturday, November 27, at Faith Lutheran Church, Bismarck, with Rev. Wes Aardahl officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Memorial Gardens, Bismarck. Visitation will be from 2:00 pm until 8:00 pm Friday at Eastgate Funeral Service, Bismarck. Visitation will continue one hour prior to the service at the church. Albert was born on November 14, 1920, in Bismarck, ND, the eldest child of Jacob and Mabel Tice Holwegner. He grew up and attended school in Bismarck. At the age of 21, Al enlisted in the North Dakota National Guard which became regular Army 188th Field Artillery Headquarters Battery. His main job was to repair and replace communication lines that the Germans kept knocking out. He served in Germany, France, and Belgium. In April 1945, Al was awarded the Bronze Star. Of all the medals he received, he said however, the most important was the Good Conduct Medal. He was honorably discharged in October 1945. The big joy of Al's retirement years were the many Army reunions he attended. He always looked forward to seeing his old friends, sharing food, memories, laughter, and tears. In between, they burned up minutes on the cell phone talking to one another. Al returned to Bismarck, eventually working his way up to field representative for Winston-Newell. It was there he met Norma, whom he married on May 30, 1948, in Manfred, ND. They transferred to Minot, and eventually bought their own grocery store in Harvey, ND. Later, they moved to Williston and once again settled in Bismarck. Al had a strong and dedicated

work ethic, whether delivering Western Union telegrams or caddying at Tom O'Leary Golf Course. He learned to golf because after he finished his rounds, Tom O'Leary would give lessons to the caddies. He enjoyed and was good at golf until he developed macular degeneration. Al and Norma had two children, David and Barbara. His love of children made him a favorite with the neighbor children. A knock on the door with the request, "Can Al come out and play?" was a family favorite memory. Al is survived by his wife of 62 years, Norma and his daughter, Barb; his sister, Ruth Lund; his brother, Lawrence Doris; his sister-in-law, Pauline Holwegner; his step-sister, Eleanor Winkler; 21 very special nieces and nephews and their families; and cousins who were like immediate family. He was preceded in death by his son, David; his parents; brothers, Les and Cliff; his sister, Isabel; brother-in-law, Gil Ringuette; sister-in-law, Eileen Holwegner; nephew, Mike; stepfather, George Schubert; his in-laws, Halvor and Martha Olsen; and brother-in-law, Oscar Olsen. On behalf of Al, we want to sincerely thank his visiting angels and the St. Alexius Hospice Staff.

# Tribute Wall

DK

“ *Norma and Barbie: I am so very sorry to hear about Al's passing. I have so many fond memories of you all and the trips our families would take together. I remember the night exactly 46 years ago today, when my mom died. Raenette and I stayed with you and our dad came over at breakfast to tell us she died. You and Al were so very wonderful to us. Thank you for that. He always had a smile on his face. What a great man he was and his memory will stay with all of us who knew him. Doreen Kartes*

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**Doreen Olson Kartes** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ To My New Friends whom I was blessed To Meet through "Visiting Angels",I loved the time I spent with All of You ,Al Holds a special place in My Heart ,Norma and Barb please Take Care;See You Soon, Love BettyMarieLangeKramer

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**BettyMarieLangeKramer** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ I Loved The Time I was blessed with to share with Al through Visiting Angels,He will always Hold A special place in My Heart ,along with Norma And Barb My New Friends.

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**BettyMarieLangeKramer** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Hi Norma and Barb. I was so sorry to hear about Al and his passing. He was one of the the kindest men I knew growing up and cared alot about him and you also. My sincere condolences to you all. I wish we could be there with you but will be unable to come. Know that you are with us in thought and prayer. Love to you both. Phil, Stacy Sean and Austin

Stacy Soukup - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“ Barb, So sorry to hear of the loss of your dad! Our thoughts and prayers will be with you and your mother!

Lynette Johnson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ Dear Norma and Barb...Thinking of you and have been pondering my rememberances of Al and you too. Al always had such a special way to greet friends and customers in Jack and Jill. I considered it a privilege to work for both of you. Also, Norma, I remember how special your folks were in Manfred. I remember how I would love to go to their home and have "coffee" with your Mom when I was just a sprout. She would give me some coffee and mostly milk..just as good as Starbucks today..and her treat included buttered homemade bread with sugar on it. God Bless you..Marlys{Boese}

Marlys and Ed Piatz - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ My Prayers are with you Norma and Barb. You have done a great job in caring for Albert.

Marlys J Kramer - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ So sorry to hear about the death of your Husband & Father. Our thoughts & Prayers are with you at this time of your sorrow. Sincerely, Archie & Maggie Huber former customers at Harvey, Holwegners grocery store.

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**Maggie** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ I still have good memories working for Holwegners Hi & Lo in my high school after school hrs, and how Al would trust me to go to nash finch in minot and get sale groceries that we were short on. Norma the best to you and your family. Joseph Fix

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**Joseph Fix** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM