



## Arduin Wangen

November 12, 1929 - May 22, 2007

Arduin R. Wangen, 77, Bismarck, ND, died May 22, 2007, at St. Alexius Medical Center after losing his five year battle with cancer. Services will be held 11:30 am Friday at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, corner of Washington and Divide, Bismarck, with Rev. Laurie Natwick officiating. Burial will be in North Dakota Veterans Cemetery, Mandan. Visitation will be held from 4:00 pm until 9:00 pm Thursday at Parkway Funeral Service, Bismarck, where a prayer service will be held at 7:30 pm. Visitation will continue one hour prior to services at the church. Arduin was born and raised on the family farmstead south of Martin, ND, the son of Agnar and Selma Helm Wangen on November 12, 1929. He met Marilyn Neff in Harvey, ND, in 1952 and they wed at St. John's Lutheran Church in rural Martin on September 25, 1953. From this marriage, seven children were born. Arduin was educated in rural Martin and later enlisted for a short term with the military service. He worked on the family farm prior to his over the road truck driving career with various companies and retired in 1983. Much to his dismay, this career took him away from the family on a number of occasions. He enjoyed hunting and shooting pool with numerous friends. He liked camping and fishing with his family. He was very well versed and could start up a conversation with anybody about anything. His passion for football and baseball allowed him to cheer on his favorite teams, The Minnesota Vikings and The Minnesota Twins. Arduin is survived by seven children, Claude Wangen of Mandan, ND, Dwight Wangen, Delta Wangen both of Bismarck, ND, Dave and Dorie Gerhardt Wangen of

Anamoose, Bryan Wangen and his fiancée, RaeAnn Johnson of Lincoln, ND, Lori Hartman and Diana Rader, both of Bismarck, ND; twelve grandchildren, Jennifer, Scott, Melissa, Vanessa, Brenda, Christina, Sarah, Kyle, Cody, Makayla, Brittany Johnson, and Samantha Johnson; two great-grandchildren, Rebecca and Elizabeth; one sister, Betty Solberg of Minneapolis; numerous other family members and friends; and two very special friends, Lucy Liebelt and Ken Ciavarella. Arduin was preceded in death by his parents, Agnar and Selma Helm Wangen of Harvey, ND; his wife of 51 years, Marilyn Neff Wangen of Bismarck, ND; a grandson, Bradley; and his brothers, Dennis Wangen of South Dakota and Richard Wangen of Brazil.

# Tribute Wall

DR

“ I will always love my father and miss the times we were able to just sit and talk, since the passing of my mother. And my heart is at peace knowing that he is no longer suffering and that he is with mom in heaven and that they will be together forever, and watching all of us together!!

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**Diana Rader** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you. I took care of Marilyn when she was ill on 4SW at St. A's and did not even realize Ardie was so ill. Take care.

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**Angie Ross** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ our sympathies and prayers are with the family at this time. It was quite a shock to see that we have lost a good friend.Dwight is not in the best of health either so can not come to Mandan, but will be thinking of you.

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**Dwight and Betty Celley** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Our condolences to the family. My Grandma Ruth was His Mother'sSally sister, making my mother 1st cousins with Ardie. I actually knew Marilyn alittle better as wemy mom and I would stop and chat with her when she worked at Wal-Mart. May God Bless you all and take comfort in knowing Ardie is with his wonderful wife watching over his special family here. Our prayers and thoughts are with you all. Sheri, Jeff, Kendra, Kelsie, and Kylee Murrey

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**Sheri Murrey** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ I miss you so much grandpa. I wish I could have been there with you. Just think though...you are going to be with the love of your life, Grandma. I am sure she has missed you. Now you two will be together and that is all that matters. I am glad to an extent that you have no more pain, that is great, you have had so much pain for so long now. I remember when I was little I used to always sit on grandpa's lap; I wish I could go back to those days. I am glad that I got to see him when I did. I will cherish my last name and I will never be ashamed of it. I love you so much grandpa. Enjoy heaven, enjoy the time with grandma now. Rest peacefully. I LOVE YOU!  
Your Granddaughter Sarah Gene Wangen

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**Sarah Wangen** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ Words cannot even begin to express how very saddened I am that my father is gone. My only peace of mind right now, is knowing he is pain-free, & once again, able to dance with my mother in heaven. I haven't always had the best relationship with him, but I guess we both came to realize how short & precious life really is, with the passing away of my mother 3 years ago. I have been my father's caretaker for only the last three months, but in that time, I came to the conclusion that there truly was NO better father/best friend/confidante/roommate on this earth than Ardie Wangen. Since moving in with him 3 months ago, we had & took the opportunity to become best friends again. I was able to share my inner most thoughts, cares, & concerns with him, as he was able to with me. I will NEVER forget those multiple conversations & shall cherish them FOREVER in my heart & soul. May you rest in peace Father, for I know now that you are truly where you need to be, at mom's side. I LOVE YOU & MISS YOU!!!!Your daughter,Lori

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**Lori Hartman** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ We'll miss Ardie alot, seems he was always full of fun and unquie stories. Sorry we couldn't make it to the service but are thoughts and prayers are with you all. Jim, Marcie, Cody and Austin

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**James Wangen Family** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SE

“ I had heard that Ardie was ill awhile back and thought about him this morning much to my surprise to see his obit in the Harvey Herald today. My father Reinhold Eisenbeisz and Ardie were best childhood friends growing up 2 miles apart. Many stories were shared. My father died 10 years ago this year. I saw Ardie cry at his funeral. Just before the two childhood friends left for the Korean war, my dad took a 1 dollar bill and tore it in half and said if we make it back from the war we will buy each of us a drink when we put this dollar back together. At my dad's funeral, my mother gave my dad's half of the paper dollar which my dad carried in his wallet forever to Ardie to have....and I saw Ardie cry...again. Now that was friendship. Ardie and Marilyn stopped by our farm at least once every year. Two of the most friendiest people I knew. God bless you Ardie and say hi to my dad when you see him.steve e

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**Steve Eisenbeisz** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM