



Arlen R Oberlander

October 29, 1937 - December 27, 2014

Arlen R. Oberlander, 77, of Bismarck, ND, passed away on December 27, 2014 surrounded by his family after a long, courageous battle with cancer. Services will be held at Parkway Funeral Service, 2330 Tyler Parkway, Bismarck, at 11:00 a.m, Friday, Jan. 2, 2015. Visitation will be held on hour prior to the service. A graveside service will be held at a later date at Sunny Slope Cemetery in Mott, N.D. Arlen was born on October 29, 1937, on the family farm southwest of Mott, ND. The son of Adam and Clara Schmitt Oberlander, he graduated from Mott Lincoln High School and soon after he was united in marriage to Jackie Herner on November 15, 1955. From this union they had five children. Early in their marriage he worked the family farm for a short time until Arlen attended barber school in Fargo, ND. For over 20 years he greatly enjoyed his career as a barber where he lived and worked on Mainstreet in Mott, ND, owning and operating Arlen's Barber Shop. Arlen served two years as president of the ND Barber Association. He and Jackie loved living in their hometown, raising their family and Arlen was involved in many community activities. He was especially proud of his faith and service to Trinity Lutheran Church, sitting on church counsel, teaching Sunday School, singing in the choir and serving as a lay pastor leading the congregational services for a period of time while the church waited for a minister to be called to serve. The relationships he made over these years generated an insurance business that he ran out of the barber shop until he and Jackie later moved to Dickinson where his insurance business thrived for 24 years. In 1995 he was

honored to receive Agent of the Year while working for Nodak Mutual Insurance. He finished his professional career as an agent working out of American Bank Center in Dickinson. While residing in Dickinson, Arlen and Jackie enjoyed square dancing, weekly games of pinochle, and many rounds of golf. Besides his passion for golf, Arlen was most proud of obtaining his private pilot's license and working on his collection of remote control model airplanes some of which he built himself. Following retirement he valued the time spent driving the Elder Care Transit bus for the Dickinson community. In 2010 Arlen and Jackie moved to Mandan and then finally to Bismarck. During this time he worked for his son Kevin delivering prescriptions claiming it was the best job he ever had. Arlen always had a presence about him and a way of commanding a room. He was an excellent story teller and had an endless supply of jokes to share that brought so many laughs to all of us. It seemed like wherever Arlen went there was someone he knew or recognized. He loved to visit with people and it was just his nature to start up a conversation and talk about the events of the day. He led his family with the truest examples of strength and love all the way to the end, and through these traits touched the lives of so many others. Arlen will be greatly missed by his wife of 58 years, Jackie Herner Oberlander, Bismarck, ND; his sons, Kevin Hildy, Bismarck, ND, Kyle Donna, Imperial, MO, and Kerry Rebecca, Bismarck, ND; and daughter, Jocelyn Chuck Vanlishout, Mott, ND; his grandchildren, Nicholas, Quinn and Tyne Oberlander, Tyler, Corey and Kaylen Oberlander, Michael, Hannah and Brady Oberlander, Heather Dan Oswald, and Lindsey Brandon Wagner and his two great- grandchildren, Claire and Cullen; three sisters, Doris Ross, Sheryl Heinrich both of Arizona, and Marlene Zent, Montana; and one brother, Rodney, California. He was preceded in death by his infant son, Scott; and his parents Adam and Clara Oberlander. In lieu of flowers, the family prefers memorials be sent to Bismarck Cancer Center or Good Samaritan Society in Mott.

Tribute Wall

DH

“ *My sincere condolences to all of Arlen's family. I will always carry many fond memories of Arlen. He was a very kind, funny and interesting man and will be missed by many.*

David Hansen - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ *Jackie, our sincere sympathy. It was always good to work with Arlen and you as you took such good care of your clients. Loved hearing Arlen's stories as they were always a good break from the work routine.*

Barb Holtgard - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ *Arlen's Family - My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time.*

Judith Deutsch - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ *Jackie and families, we are so sorry to hear of Arlen's passing. Working with Arlen at American Insurance will truly be remembered. We are praying for you all during this difficult time.*

Delores and Darrold Raab - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ *The whole Oberlander Family are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.*

Rick & Mary Schaible - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Our condolence to your loss.enjoyed knowing and working with Arlen. he will be missed.

Don&Jean Wanner - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ To Rodney Oberlander, please accept my condolences in the passing of your brother, Arlen.

Jacque Shubert. California - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ One of the bright spots in Mott's the Spot main street was Arlen's barbershop. My wife Linda and I took our 4 sons there several times a year for a cropping. Arlen was one of the favorite people to meet in that great small town of Mott, North Dakota. Arlen did good!

Jerry Reynolds - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MZ

“ So sorry Jackie and family to hear about Arlen. He will be missed. God be with you during this difficult time.

Melody Zimmerman - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Our deepest sympathy to you Jackie and all of your family. Arlen was a real nice guy. Hope all your memories are good ones.

Dale and Annette Haugen - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ Jackie, Kevin, Jocey, Kyle, Kerry, & families. My sincerest condolences to you. Arlen was a remarkable man, and he will be missed. I always enjoyed stopping in to see Arlen and exchange a few jokes. Take comfort in knowing that he is no longer suffering. May he rest in peace.

Ken Fiedler - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ Wonderful Life here on Earth. Rest in peace.

tami - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ Jackie - I am so sorry to hear of Arlen's passing. He was absolutely, no doubt about it, one of the GOOD GUYS! He was always able to bring a smile to my face and usually a laugh too - I have so many fond memories of you both from my American days. Please know you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Melissa Reede

Melissa Reede - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ Jackie and family- Truly sorry to read of Arlen's passing. He was a great guy. I loved hearing his colorful stories! Keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers at this time.

Angie Mackey - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ Jackie, My deepest sympathy to you and your family.

Gail Massey - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ Jackie and Family We are sorry for the loss of our dear friend Arlen
Our thoughts and prayers are with you

Kermit&Teddie Herner - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ ...Arlen Oberlander. Barber. Cardinal fan. Father. Friend. Friend's
dad. Such a great American. Arlen's soul is soaring.

Susan Jessen Milner - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PA

“ Very nicely written obituary. Kerry, I read many qualities in your dad
that YOU have inherited! :- Prayers for peace to your family during
this difficult time. May you find comfort in your many memories of
him. It's OK to laugh and it's OK to cry. The memories are priceless.
Thinking of you, dear friend. -Pam

Pam - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PD

“ Phyllis &LeoDuttenhefer, Our prayers go out to you and your family.
We really missed you two when you left Dickinson.had some good
times. Leo enjoyed working with Arlen at Elder Care he said that he
made everybody day there with some good jokes always. He was a
hard worker there and always so helpful and they had a lot good
visits to he will be missed. Jackie take care think of you a lot.

Phyllis&Leo Duttenhefer - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

IH

“ Jackie & family: So sorry to hear about Arlen's passing but I believe he is finally pain free & has finally been with his son Scott as well as dear Adam & Clara. Everyone that knew him will miss him as he lit up a room when he was there. I knew him for many years & very fond memories. A bit of a tease!! God be with you all during this time of mourning & know so many are praying for you. Memories will keep him with you in your hearts! Our sympathy to you all. Irvin & Diane Hartman

Irvin & Diane Hartman - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ It truly was sad to hear of Arlen's death, both Regina and I went to high school with Jackie and Arlen in Mott, , he was a real friend and will be missed. To you Jackie and family our deepest sympathy. Arlen, may you rest in peace, amen Regina and Jim Marthaller....

Jim and Regina Marthaller - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ It was with great sadness that I heard about my long time friend leaving us here on earth and is now back in the arms of his parents. Arlen was not only a long time friend but also my barber and later my insurance man all the years he was in Mott.. I still am insured with his insurance company when he was in Mott.. Rest in Peace, you was a awesome man here with us and now your a awesome man in heaven.. You will be missed very much..

Jack Griffin - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Steve and I were so sad to hear of Arlen's death. Our prayers are with the family. Another Saint has joined the choir. Peace be to all of you.

Steve and Deb Billington - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ My dear friend Arlen. I will miss you a lot! Your jokes,laughter, kindness & love for life. Rest in peace my friend. I will take care of Jackie. Love always,Sherilyn

Sherilyn Julson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM