



Arthur Jorgensen

May 10, 1917 - September 17, 2003

Arthur P. Jorgensen, 86, Bismarck, died September 17, 2003, in a local care center. Services will be held at 12 Noon Monday at Trinity Lutheran Church, Bismarck, with the Rev. Steve Sathre officiating. Burial will be in the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery, Mandan with military graveside by the VFW Post 1326. Visitation will be from 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM Sunday at Eastgate Funeral Service where a prayer service will be held at 7:00. Visitation will continue for one hour prior to the service at the church. Art was born May 10, 1917 near Epping, ND, the son of Nels and Agnes Jorgensen who homesteaded in the area after emigrating from Denmark. He was raised and attended schools there, prior to going west, where he worked as a cowboy, welder, and ship builder. Art enlisted in the U. S. Army in March of 1943 and served in the European Theatre. As a cannoneer he was engaged in the Naples-Foggia and Rome-Arno Battles and in the Southern France and Central Europe Campaigns. He received numerous decorations and citations including four bronze stars, the bronze arrowhead, the WW II Victory Medal and the Purple Heart. A true patriot, Art was very proud of his military service and of his country. Art married Norma Marie Holen on June 17, 1949 in Ray, ND. He worked for the U.S, Department of Agriculture and lived in Williston, Minot and moved to Bismarck with his family in 1973, where they have since resided. Art loved photography, fishing, and hunting. He was also a rock hound and polished countless stones. He was a lifelong learner who joined Toastmasters and enjoyed traveling throughout the world with Norma. He was a member of

Trinity Lutheran Church, the Sons of Norway, the VFW, the American Legion, and the DAV. Art was very proud of his farming and Scandinavian heritage, and especially cherished time with his family. He is survived by his daughters, Arlene and her husband Rev. Jay Hillestad of Eden Prairie, MN and Linda and her husband Rev. Maury Millican of Bismarck; his grandson James Peter Millican; his granddaughters, Ann Marie and Holly Millican; three brothers, Ivan of Vancouver, WA, Harold of Portland, OR, and Laurence of Williston, ND. He was preceded in death by his wife Norma, on August 18, 2000, his brother Carl Henry, and his sisters Viola Hartling and Olga Daniels. Memorials may be given to the North Dakota State Veterans Cemetery, Mandan, ND.