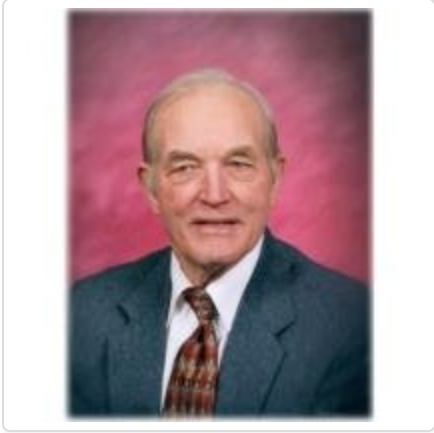




Arthur Kitzan

February 28, 1921 - February 26, 2010

Arthur Kitzan, 88, Bismarck, died February 26, 2010, at Medcenter One. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday at 11:00 AM at Bismarck Baptist Church, 22nd Street and Laforest Avenue, Bismarck, with Rev. Merle Hoots and Rev. David Ling officiating. Burial will be at the ND Veterans Cemetery with military honors provided by VFW Post #1326. Visitation will be Monday from 3:00 - 9:00 PM at Parkway Funeral Service, 2330 Tyler Parkway, Bismarck, where a prayer service will be held at 7:30 PM. Visitation will continue on Tuesday one hour prior to the service at the church. Arthur was born on February 28, 1921, in Antelope, ND, the son of Jacob and Katherina Losing Kitzan. He grew up and attended school in Antelope. During World War II, Art enlisted in the United States Marine Corp. on July 17, 1942. He received a Purple Heart for injuries sustained while serving in the 2nd Marine Division during the battle for Gilbert Island on the island of Siapan. He was honorably discharged on December 13, 1945. After returning from military duty, he returned home and purchased the family farm near Antelope. Art married Eleanor Oster on April 20, 1951, in Hebron, ND. He and Eleanor operated the farm and Art also worked at the Hebron School as a custodian. In 1982, they moved to Bismarck where they worked as custodians for the Bismarck Public School system. Art retired in 1990 and continued to work on a part-time basis. Art enjoyed volunteering at the Baptist Home pushing wheelchairs. He loved to invent things and especially cared about his grandchildren and great-grandchild. He was a member of First Baptist Church

in Hebron where he served as church secretary and treasurer for many years. He was also a member of the American Legion Post #100 in Hebron. Art is survived by his wife, Eleanor of Bismarck; his sons, Danny Betty of Hebron, Dwight Gwen of Nisland, SD, and Steven Joy of Hebron; his brothers, Reuben of Missoula, MT, and Clarence Agnes of Bowman, ND; his sisters, Edna Mischel and Alma Sailer both of Bismarck; his grandchildren, Travis Dena Kitzan, Michelle Cory Hibl, Karen Travis Christiansen, Joshua Kitzan, and Mariah Kitzan; and his great-grandchild, Jordan Hibl. He was preceded in death by his parents; five brothers; and two sisters.

Tribute Wall

TF

“ I send my condolences and prayers to everyone in the family and especially to Elenor. Art was a great person and lived a good life. He will always be with you in your hearts.

Tammy Franchuk - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ My sincere condolences to the Kitzan Family. Art was always intresting and great to visit with. My thoughts and prayers are with Eleanor and her family.

Denis Limke - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AK

“ Clarence and I would like to express our deepest sympathy to you all. Art was a very special person, so full of energy, and a hard worker. Both he and Eleanor worked side by side for so many years, and he had a great time INVENTING things!! We will miss the many great times we spent together, playing pinochle into the night!!! God rest his soul, and may the Lord bless you all and keep you in HIS care.

Agnes Kitzan - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PO

“ Eleanor and family, you have our deepest sympathies in the passing of Art. We remember you with fondness.Hugs and blessings,Pastor Larry and Audrey

Pastor Larry and Audrey Ouhl - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ I was so very sorry to hear that Art has passed away. I will always remember one Christmas vacation when Smiley Sailer his nephew and I worked under Art cleaning the school. Smiley and I would be mopping and he would have to come up and "show us how it was done". "You go to turn the corners boy's". Not sure if we were slow learners or quick learners! But Art made it a lot of fun. We even got to play with the big bottle of mercury pouring from one hand to the other and chasing it across the room when we spilled it! Then Danny and I became best friends for many years. After I became the Adjutant of the Legion Post in Hebron, I always looked forward to notes and comments from Art. He was a dedicated member of The American Legion. Annamarie and I have made a memorial donation to the ND American Legion Trust Fund in memory of Art. Our deepest condolences to Eleanor and all of your family, but especially to my dear friend Danny.

Don Herrly - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ Elenor, It is important for you to know how much I appreciated all you and Art did for me and the students at Myhre Elementary. If there was anything I needed fixed Art was the one to ask. Every morning I was greeted with a smile and hello. It was always great to see Art when he subbed at Will-Moore. We would catch up on the old times and have a good laugh. We'll miss him.

Dan & Karen Preszler - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with You.

Dale Klein and Ray Klein Families - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ Dear Family; On behalf of my family, I extend our deepest sympathy for you in your loss and hoping too, that comfort and peace may come to you.

Rod Diede - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KO

“ Dear Aunt Eleanor, Danny, Dwight, Steve and families, We are so terribly sorry to hear of Uncle Art's passing. He will truly be missed. None of us can ever forget all the times we spent at the farm, and Uncle Art's relentless trick playing. Yes, there was the one about seeing stars thru the arm of a coat and resulted in a face full of water...how about picking up a puddle of water with two butter knives resulting in wet drawers...oh yeah, how about the raw egg on the head trick...he was always up to something! Uncle Art was a fun-loving, kind, smart, hard-working decent man, and he filled a special place in all of our hearts. This is certain to be a tough time for all of you, and we'll continue to pray that you find peace and acceptance. I suspect he's up in heaven talking to my dad and Uncle Walter right now -- may be even sending them out on a snipe hunt in the rain...just like he did to us! I love you all. While I can't get to ND in person, I will be with you all in spirit. Love, Kathy and Colin

Kathy Oster - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ Our condolences to Arthur's family. We send our prayers to Arthur's brother, Clarence and wife Agnes. Ross has fun memories of Arthur during his years at Hebron school.

March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ Our prayers and caring thoughts to Art's family. I always enjoyed visiting with Art. What I remember most are his always present smile, his enjoyment of good jokes, and his sincere interest in each individual. I always appreciated how much our children and grandchildren meant to Art. They thought of him as a grandfather. Happy trails to you, Art! Thanks for sharing some time and your love with us here.

Tim Atkinson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

FA

“ My deepest sympathies to you Aunt Eleanor and to Dan, Dwight, Steve and their families. May the love and support of family and friends help you through this time of great sorrow. Art always had a hug, a smile and a joke or wise crack to make you laugh. He worked at my daughter Shannon's elementary school and she came to think of him like a grandpa. She never got to know my dad, as he died before she was born. I have many memories of Art and your family growing up. I will always remember the many hours of imaginative play Bonanza, Gunsmoke, etc with Dwight and Steve in our old Antelope Depot, which we converted into a play house. Though it is difficult to say good-bye dear Uncle Art, may you find rest and peace in the arms of God. Say hi to my daddy for me. With love, Faye

Faye Kitzan Atkinson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Our deepest sympathy to the Kitzen family. Art was a very special and will be missed by family and friends. God bless you all. Carol and Kory Mitchell Helen Maas Hoff Carrie, Jim, and Angie Erhardt

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

BB

“ *My deepest sympathy to all of you.*

Bev Berger - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ *Sorry to hear about your dad. He was always fun to visit with. Use to run into your parents and Walth's at the Royal Fork way back when. He's a good resting place now. Gayle*

Gayle Kuss Schneider - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GL

“ *Dear Dwight and Family, So sorry to read of the passing of your father in the Bismarck Tribune. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. We all know that our time will be here as well someday but know it is not good-bye but just so-long for now. We can all look forward to being together again with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Thank you Dwight and Gwen for your inspiration to me long ago to help me focus on Our Lord and Savior. I think of your family often. May God bless you and all of your family members. A person never knows when or where you may reach out to others. God Bless Gary Larson and Family*

Gary Larson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NN

“ *Art lived down and across the street from me when I was a little girl and lived on 4th Street. He was also the custodian at my elementary school and became my friend. I'm 26 now and remember Art and what a gentle soul he was. My prayers and sympathies are with the family. Sincerely, Nicole Fred Nogosek*

Nicole Fred Nogosek - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GF

“Eleanor and Family, Our thoughts and prayers are certainly with you all during this difficult and sad time. Art was always such a pleasant person with a big smile on his face. Know that he is in a wonderful place!! God Bless --Ginny and Ivan Flemmer

Ginny and Ivan Flemmer - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KS

“My prayers and sympathy goe out to all, I am unable to attend the funeral due to work issues.

Kevin Selby - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KW

“Art worked as one of my sub custodians for the school district and I enjoyed a number of years knowing him. In the past couple years he had dropped off my list due to his health but still stopped by occasionally to say hi and hand out candy. smile I will miss his smiling face...my sincerest sympathies to the family.

Kathy Woods - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM