



Arvid Fransen

July 12, 1914 - July 15, 2009

Arvid Fransen, 95, Bismarck, died peacefully on July 15, 2009, at Missouri Slope Lutheran Care Center, Bismarck. Services will be held at 10:30 am Saturday at First Lutheran Church, Bismarck, with Rev. Allen Wagner officiating. Burial will be held in Fairview Cemetery, Bismarck. Visitation will be held from 12:00 Noon until 9:00 pm Friday at Eastgate Funeral Service, where a prayer service will begin at 7:30 pm. Visitation will continue one hour prior to the services at the church. Arvid was born on July 12, 1914, the son of John and Anna Nelson Fransen on the farm they homesteaded in 1898 near Coleharbor, ND. On November 26, 1949, he married Bernice Larson and she became his partner in life and farming for the next 58 years. His son John joined him in farming in 1970. He cherished his life in farming well into his 90s. He served on a number of community boards including Augustana Lutheran Church board and the Underwood School board. They moved to Bismarck in 1979, and became members of First Lutheran Church. Arvid and Bernice enjoyed the friendships of their Plaza Tower neighbors. Arvid will be remembered for his dedication to his family. Arvid is survived by his sons, John Renee, rural Coleharbor, ND, and Robert Melanie, Eden Prairie, MN; his daughter, Mary James Johnson, Northfield, MN; five grandchildren, Matt and Erin Fransen, Carrie and Brian Fransen and Emily Verlinich; one brother-in-law, Wendell Linda Larson, San Diego, CA; one sister-in-law, Marion Larson, New Rockford, ND; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife, Bernice; his parents; and his sisters, Victoria and Anne.

Tribute Wall

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“ *May Your Memories Console You With deep sympathy and understanding...And the sincere hope that time will bring comfort and help to heal your sorrow.*

Sharon Fast Iverson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM