



Austin Engel

August 9, 1928 - October 3, 2008

Austin G. Engel, Jr. Jim, 80, died in Bismarck, ND on Oct. 3 of complications resulting from a stroke suffered on Sept. 25. There will be a Celebration of Life at the Bismarck United Church of Christ. Date to be announced. Austin is survived by his best friend and wife of 58 years, Mary; sons: David Marta of Soldiers Grove, WI, Peter Renee' of Craig, CO, Michael Wendy Ansley of Minneapolis, MN, Paul Mary Kay of Evansville, WI, and Steven of Portland, OR; 13 grandchildren, 13 nieces and nephews of the Roessel, Brownell and Engel families; sister Judy of Minneapolis; and many loving friends. Austin was born in Little Falls, MN, son of Austin and Eugenia Engel. He graduated from Macalester College in 1950 and Yale Divinity School in 1954. He and Mary moved to New Town, ND in 1954 where Austin served as minister to the Congregational Church; they then moved to Parshall where he served in a social ministry capacity with the Congregational Church Board of Homeland Ministries on the Fort Berthold Reservation. In 1965 they moved to Bismarck where Austin was appointed Director of Indian Affairs by the Governor; in 1972 he served as the Executive Secretary of the Democratic-NPL Party. In 1974 he was appointed Director of State Planning by the Governor; in 1985 he earned a Law degree and thereafter has practiced law in Bismarck and New Salem, ND. Austin will be remembered for his ethical integrity, his love of politics, and his passionate work for social justice; one of his most prized accomplishments was being co-founder with Eva Case of the Charles L. Hall Youth Services in Bismarck. Throughout his career he was an avid worker in

the Democratic Party. His family feels profound gratitude for having been a part of this good man's life. They particularly cherish memories of family "game nights," many extended camping trips, and the annual family gatherings at their beloved cabin on the Kawishiwi River outside Ely, MN. In lieu of flowers, the family requests any memorial donations be made to the Charles L. Hall Endowment Fund in Bismarck, ND.

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“ I was fortunate enough to benefit from the work that Austin did with Eva Case when they founded Charles Hall Youth Services. Our youth have lost a tremendous supporter and advocate. To the family, my thoughts and prayers go out to you at this difficult time. May you find peace in the knowledge that He will greet Austin with open arms.

Carl Young - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM