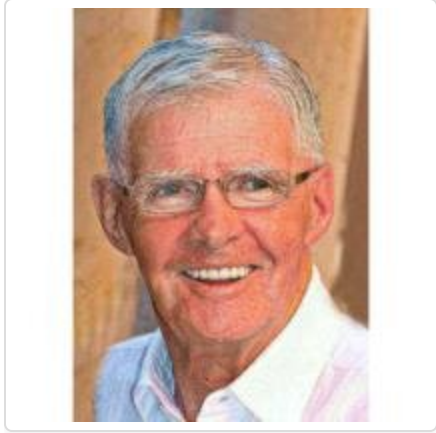




Bob Feeney

January 26, 1939 - July 30, 2012

Bob Joseph Feeney, 73, passed away peacefully at his home in Bismarck surrounded by family on July 30, 2012. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:00 am Friday, August 3, at Church of Corpus Christi, Bismarck, with Rev. Jim Braaten officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery, Bismarck. Visitation will be held from 6:15 pm - 7:00 pm Thursday, August 2, at Church of Corpus Christi, Bismarck, where a prayer service will begin at 7:00 pm. Bob Joseph Feeney was born in Crosby, ND, on January 26, 1939, to Thomas and Marie Poirier Feeney. He graduated from Crosby High School . He then attended Wahpeton Science and later graduated from Dickinson State University where he was an All-Conference football player and baseball player. Fifty years ago he married his "Sweetie Pie", Janice Knoll Feeney. He started his passion of 36 years of teaching and coaching at Cando High School where his teams won 30 straight games from 1967-1969. There were also four conference championships during his tenure at Cando. He then moved on to Dickinson Trinity where his team won the WDA Championship and were State Runners-Up in 1972. In 1974, Bob brought his talents to Bismarck High. There he produced 19 playoff teams, two State Championships 1984-1985, 12 WDA titles and a 21 WDA game winning streak. Coach Feeney's overall football coaching record stands at 243 victories. Many honors have come to Coach Feeney including the ND Coach of the Year in 1972, 1974, and 1997. He was nominated for the National Coach of the Year in 1987 and again in 1990. That year, Coach Feeney was

inducted into the N.D.H.S. Coaches Hall of Fame. He received a once in a lifetime Special Achievement honor from the Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association in 2003. He also coached in many all-star games including the inaugural Badlands Bowl and many Shrine football games. All victories and accolades aside, Coach Feeney stressed life lessons such as hard work, dedication, team work, and preparation, which he lived every day of his life. If it wasn't done right, Coach Feeney would say, "Run it again!" His integrity and honesty influenced many young men throughout his career and he always enjoyed hearing about their successes later in life. Upon his retirement in 1999, Bob's coaching duties went from the sidelines to the stands where he became a mentor and fan to his sons and grandchildren. When it came to his 13 grandchildren and all of their activities, there wasn't a prouder Papa than Bob. He also felt so fortunate to be able to travel to beautiful destinations with his family. He enjoyed his time "shooting the bull" with his coffee group. His loyalty and love for God, family, and football were matched by few. Coach Feeney's legacy is too hard to express with words, but it is shown through his children, grandchildren, and student-athletes. He is survived by his wife, Janice Knoll Feeney; son, Mark, Fargo; daughter, Kelli Marc Lofgren, Salt Lake City; son, Stephen Wendy, Bismarck; daughter, AnneMarie Blaine Gilbertson, Bismarck; daughter, Krista Todd Wetsch, Bismarck; son, Kevin Jamie, Fargo; 13 grandchildren, MacKayla Feeney, Dominic Gilbertson, Kellen Feeney, Tayte Pollmann, Dalton Feeney, Paige Feeney, Braden Gilbertson, Cade Feeney, Macy Wetsch, Trey Feeney, Halle Wetsch, Ellie Feeney, Jett Feeney; three sisters, Georgetta Andy Bakke, Margaret Bakke, Barbara Larry Chapman; and many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents; father and mother-in-law, Phillip and Stephanie Knoll; brother-in-law, Edward Bakke. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the Alzheimer's Association or God's Child Project.

Tribute Wall

KR

“ *The Rognlien York family is thinking of you all. We pray that you can celebrate Bob's life and find joy in everything he did in his wonderful life. Take care and love, Katie York, Derek, Elise, and Evan Rognlien*

Katie Rognlien - March 17, 2015 at 12:01 AM

JG

“ *My heartfelt condolences to the Feeney Family. I went all through school with him and graduated together in 1957. God Bless him and all of his Family. Joey malnaa graham*

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SF

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the Feeney family. Jan, I loved our conversations with Bob. He was lighthearted and a good person. Fourniea Family*

Sue and Chuck Fourniea - March 17, 2015 at 12:01 AM

MC

“Coach, I tell my kids that I despised track and you told me, “Campagna, you’re going out because I’m going to keep you in shape in the offseason!” You took a smart-aleck, brash kid and molded him into a leader. I could never return the debt that I owe you for that. Your love for the game of football taught me so much about life and made me a better man, husband and father. Your legend made a tidal wave throughout ND Football that will go down in history. I can only imagine you coaching God’s Team up in Heaven’s End Zone. God Bless You and Your Family, Mitch Campagna BHS Class of 1979

Mitch Campagna - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MC

“Jan, I was shocked and saddened to learn of Bob’s passing. In my years of teaching with him at BHS I knew him to be a model coach, conscientious, and caring. As a math teacher, I found his interest in his players’ academic success exemplary. I did have a few of your children as students and was always impressed by how they valued academics. This had to have been instilled at home by you and Bob. He will be missed. My sympathy to you and your family.

Marcia Christianson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JR

“Janice and family, I’m so sorry to hear of Bob’s passing. I will miss talking BHS football this season with him. Although I never had Mr. Feeney as a teacher when I attended BHS in 1990-1992, Bob was BHS football and I think of him everytime I attend a game. Thinking of you all at this difficult time. Hope to see you soon, Jan, at the fitness center. Miss your smiling face. Take care.

Jennifer Robinson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GN

“Saddened by the new of coach Feeneys passing, Garrett and I shared with each other some special memories of Bob when Garrett was growing up that included the Sunday morning ritual at the Feeneys where Bob would pickup donuts after church to be shared during breakfast. He also will never forget riding on the Demon team bus and the many other wonderful experiences the Feeney family as a whole made available to both Garrett and Brooke. We are blessed to be close to the Feeney family and will always remember the love and caring that coach Feeney shared and how welcomed he always made us feel in your family's home. Garrett and Wayne

Garrett and Wayne Neuberger - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GE

“We were so sorry to hear about Mr. Feeney. We'll always remember him when he taught and coached in Cando and made Cando proud!! Our sincerest sympathies to the family. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Garth and Laona Bjornstad Eggl - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Dear Feeney family, My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. One of my lasting memories of Bob is after a every game we would run off the field screaming in celebration. When we arrive in the locker room there was coach he would be one knee head down and quiet. No one would make a sound. We would also take a knee with our head down. Coach would say a short prayer quietly. Then as he stood up at the top of his lungs with all his energy you would hear " Good Game Guys" and the celebration would begin. Coach Bob Feeney this one is for you. Timothy 4:7-9 "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day -- "

Jay Skroch and Family - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DV

“ Our sincere sympathy to all of the Feeney family - what a legacy Bob has left for all of you! He impacted the lives of so many athletes throughout his coaching career. We know your family has countless great memories and your faith to sustain you at this time - Randy and Doris Vigen

Doris Vigen - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ Janice, I am so very sorry for your loss. I know how hard it is to lose a spouse, and my heart goes out to you. May you find peace and comfort in the many wonderful memories you have of Bob. May God bless you and your family.

Sharon Lilleberg - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ Dear Feeney Family, I am so sorry for your loss of Bob, a husband and father. Bob was a mentor and co-worker for me when I was a young, impressionable college student. I always appreciated his guidance and demeanor. Your family will be in our thoughts and prayers during this trying time. Sincerely, Terry Porter

Terry Porter - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ Our Deepest Sympathy to Janice and the Family, Bob's Final Touchdown!! Take Care and God Bless from the Mel Volk Family

Candace - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Jan and Family, We send our prayers and sympathy in the loss of such a wonderful husband, father, and grandfather. We looked forward and enjoyed visiting with you two at the health club. Jan, you have been an inspiration to many with the kindness, patience, and love you have shown for Bob. We know how very important your family has been to the both of you and will continue to be, but hopefully we will see you back taking care of yourself at Touchmark Fitness Center. God bless all of you, Steve and Rita

Steve and Rita Charlebois - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ Sending the entire Feeney family my deepest heartfelt sympathies on the passing of Bob. The memories I have of Coach Feeney and the rest of the Feeney family make my heart smile and I will cherish those memories forever. Coach Feeney was the true meaning of a great champion, who gave it everything and expected the very best of everyone he inspired. His legacy and values will live on forever. Rest in peace, coach. Angie Cremers Richter BHS class of 1994

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

WZ

“ We did not know Bob personally but know through others what a caring, dedicated person he was. We wish to express our condolences to Janice and her family and are so sorry for their loss.
Wally and Lila

Wally & Lila Zachmeier - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ David had Bob as a football coach, and I was from Bisbee. I too felt like I knew "Mr. Feeney" from all the stories David would tell me. A wonderful man, leaving a wonderful impression on many people.
Our sympathy to the Feeney family.

Dave & Val Dennis - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SV

“ Bob you have been there my entire life. I grew up with many happy memories of family gatherings. I could really relate to your youngest sister's words of having to live in the shadows of such amazing siblings. Yet you and Janice have a way of making everyone feel special. I cherish the memories I share of growing up with the Feeney family.

Stephanie Volk - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Dear Feeney Family, There are so many fantastic moments that I remember from being on the sidelines and at practices growing up, to the life lessons taught while playing. Bob will surely be missed by all and our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. God Bless

Lyn Narum and Family - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ Jan and All, We were so sorry to hear of Bob's passing. I guess you could say that he has now passed that Golden Goal line. What a legacy and inspiration Bob, you and your family have been and will continue to be. Lots of thoughts and Prayers during this difficult time from me, Jane and our family. Roger

Roger Hilsendager - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Dear Feeney family, My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Thank you for sharing Bob with us. As someone who had the opportunity to play for him at BHS, I will always remember his passion for coaching, strong work ethic and commitment to excellence. He touched the lives of many young people and will greatly be missed but not forgotten. All the best, Corey, Janeen, Alex, Taylor and Ben

Corey Walther and Family - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Bob Feeney Family, Bob - you will be missed. You were so strong, dedicated, & committed to God, Family, & Football. Dewey & Cindy Berger

Dewey & Cindy Berger - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Jan & Family, so sorry to hear of the passing of Bob. It was a great experience to teach with Bob in Cando. He had such a wonderful smile and put his heart into his football teams and that is why he was so succesful. Our deepest sympathy is extended and may you be comforted in the days ahead by our creator.

Curtiss & Roberta Mundahl - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ Jan and family As part of the Cando years, you have to know the profound affect Coach had on all of us. I remember the practices when half the guys couldn't be there because of harvest. Coach got us in shape to play both ways without a break. And we won. He taught us a lot more than winning. In my life, he was one of the best.

Dave Grinde - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SM

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Scott McDaniel - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ Dear Feeney Family, Please accept our Deepest Sympathies during this time of sorrow of the passing, your Husband and Father Bob. Bob was an incredible Inspirational person and will be remembered forever as a true Winner and a Champion....! May God's infinite Love and Compassion give all Peace to carry through at this time. God Bless You All..! Todd, Jack, Carrie, Craig, Brent & Jay Wandler Family

Todd Wandler - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ To Mark and your mom and your family, So sorry to hear of your dad's passing. I enjoyed working for him down at the Sertoma little league fields and I will always remember the terrific Saints-Demons clashes. His teams were so well coached and so hard to play. Out thoughts and prayers will be with you. Bill Hummel and family

Bill Hummel - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ Jan and family, So sorry about Bob's recent passing. It was nice to see him again at mom's funeral in May. Our prayers are with you and may you find comfort in each other remembering all the happy times with him. Love, Amy, Sid Schmidt and family

Amy and Sid Schmidt - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GW

“ Bob was a true friend. I will always remember what a privilege it was to serve under him as an assistant coach for ten seasons, but most importantly, I will remember him as a man of great goodness and generosity of spirit. It's hard to imagine Bismarck without him. To each and every member of his family, I'm very sorry for your sadness. Your community is incredibly fortunate that his values and spirit live on in you. Gene and Pam

Gene Wohlsdorf - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TV

“ My condolences go out to the entire Feeney Family... Based on the mass amount of young adults his life touched, he may have had to think for awhile to remember me. However he had a profound influence on my life. He pushed me to play football at a time when I was young and was contemplating quitting. I was fortunate to play college football and football has been a large influence in my life since. Without Football and Coach Feeney's gentle nudging, my life would have been drastically different. Unfortunately until now, Coach Feeney didn't get to know how much some of those little moments may have changed a persons life. Celebrate the fond memories. My thoughts and prayers to everyone that Coach Feeney is smiling down upon today!

Travis Voegele - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ Words cannot begin to express the emotions I have been experiencing since learning the news of Monday. A little boy was simply sitting in study hall at Hughes Junior High School in 1974 when Coach began talking to me. Little did I know the conversation would forever alter my life in such a way as it has. A coach, a mentor, a friend, all of those things can be said of Coach. He was all of those and more. Above all else, his love of God and family can serve as a beacon of inspiration for all of us. Thank You Coach.

Ray Maloney - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ My thoughts and prayers are with your family. I went to college at DSC with Bob and Jan. I have followed his career throughout the years. What a man! Thanks for being you

Gene Finneman - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ Jan and Family, I am so sorry for your loss. I loved hearing stories while you worked out at the Waterford, of the travels you and Bob made to get to as many grandkid events or events your kids were coaching. He was a great man, husband, father, and mentor to many.

Sandy Telehey - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ My deepest sympathy to Jan and the family. Great memories of the years teaching together at BHS. A true gentleman.

Mike Rockne - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NB

“ *The world was a better place because of Coach Feeney. We are honored to have called him a friend and mentor. Our thoughts are with your family. Much love, Bob & Nancy Babich*

Nancy Babich - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ *I met Bob when I helped him coach the 1985 Shrine Game. I found him to be the very person Mark Gibson and Dan Smrekar said he was. They had him perfect in the Tribune article. We lost a great man. We meet many good people in coaching but Bob was one of the greatest. Be very proud of his accomplishments.*

Ron Brentrup - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ *Bob will be missed. He was such a nice man. The many times I was around the family it was such a pleasure. My prayers go to the family.*

Judy Nahler - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GA

“ *Jan and family, We shared alot of "after game" times with Bob & Jan in Cando. So sorry to hear about Bob. It was nice to see you and visit this spring in Fargo. Thoughts and prayers to you all.*

George & Susan Ackre - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ *History certainly was not one of my favorite subjects at Cando High School, but Mr. Feeney made it bearable...my thoughts and prayers are with the entire family...Ruthann Burkhart Amann*

ruthann amann - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ I too had Bob as my History teacher, and my home room advisor when we were seniors in Cando. He was a great teacher and followed his career through the years. I was very proud to have known him. Your family is in our prayers.

Dianne Hogenson Hyndman - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ Coach Feeney pushed me to always strive for excellence and never quit. His devotion to family and career is a model for all to follow.

Jason Nagel - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ Jan and families, We were so saddened to hear of your loss. Bob taught both of us in Cando and coached Ron during the 30 game winning streak back in the 60's. You will all be lifted up in prayer as you mourn the loss of your husband, father and grandfather.

Ron and Sheila Hartl - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ 'Feeney clan,' I was fortunate to have been part of the Bob & Jan Feeney family for many years and my thoughts are with you all in this time of loss. Bob was the first person I met while being 'interviewed' for the athletic trainer job at Medcenter One in August of 1987. I can still remember Mike Neff pulling the car over to the side of the street where Bob was walking, and being introduced to him, announcing me as the 'new' trainer that would be working with the 'Demons.' Over the 11 years that I served in that capacity, I spent countless hours with Bob on the sidelines, on the bus trips, and catching him at the BHS cribbage game with the other PE teachers and coaches. I will always recall how emotionally vested he was in his work. We will all keep wonderful memories of Bob.

bob pollmann - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ I can not begin to guess the number of young men Bob helped mold into great productive citizens. I was able to witness as a player and assistant coach. I am a better person for having known him! May the warm memories of post game pizza parties and family vacations guide you through this troubling time. It is early August and my guess is that someone needs a great coach to lead a team out on to the field. Scott, Cindy, Kate and Ben Weigum

Scott Weigum - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ I just wanted to offer my condolences to the Feeney Family. I feel like I have known your family my whole life. The passion for athletics and greatness radiated out of Coach Feeney. His passing is a great loss, not only to all of you, but to the people of Bismarck. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Angie Parr Fettig - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EM

“ My deepest sympathies to Jan, Kevin and family on Bob's passing. Bob was a great inspiration and role model for so many of us as we started our coaching careers and we will be forever thankful to have had the opportunity to learn from him. His legacy will remain forever in ND high school football, in the multitude of players' lives he impacted and in the great family that he raised. My thoughts and prayers to Jan, Kevin and family.

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

TS

“ I was deeply saddened to hear of Coach Feeney's passing. It was a tough day for me as I had many fond memories of coach and Demon football. Even though I didn't have all the physical skills coach found ways to let me play and be part of the team and I always carry his lessons with me. My last memory of him was coming back to Bismarck High to see the upgrades to the school. I ran into him in the hallway and he brought me down to the expanded weight room and we talked for quite awhile about Demon football. He will be missed greatly. God's Speed..my prayers are with you coach and your family.

Todd Seguin - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ My thoughts and prayers to your family. Bob was an asset to BHS in more ways than one can express! May knowing that he has earned his ultimate "reward" in heaven help bring peace to you during this time. Cindy Schock Scharf BHS 1990

Cindy Schock Scharf - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ I had the privilege to associate with Coach Feeney while I was recruiting for NDSU. I always looked forward to visiting with him. He was always open and honest and always adept at assessing players abilities and whether or not they could play and perform at the next level. I fully trusted his judgement and insight. One of highlights of my career was recruiting his son Kevin. Certainly he will be missed not only by myself but the greater football community. My thoughts and prayers are with all of his family and friends.

shane hodenfield - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ Even though I was generally on the losing side of my competitive encounters with Coach Feeney, watching him and his teams were enlightening to a young coach. I had a number of "napkin sessions" with him at coaching clinics and his wisdom and willingness to share was remarkable. I remember him quizzing me like a college professor on why I inverted a twins formation and used the type of players in the positions. Wise, inquiring, thoughtful and incredibly knowledgeable...and profoundly valuable to me. His legacy runs far and deep across the football community in the upper midwest and beyond. My condolences to Steve, Kevin and the entire family.

Darin King - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. You all share a very special family and are loved by many others whose lives Bob and Jan have touched. Your memories will sustain you.

Mike,Peggy,Heidi and Megan Thurlby - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EN

“ My thoughts and prayers are for your family. Bob was a tremendous influence on me early in my coaching career. I am blessed and honored to have known and worked for coach. He was Family and Football. God Bless.

Everett Nelson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ Coach: Thanks for all the lessons! You are greatly missed. - BHS class 1992

Mark Hoovestol, Major US Army - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TO

“ Thanks coach for teaching me life lessons that I use everyday.. I will never forget "run it again"...

Todd Olson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ Thanks Bob for your example, passion, and support. Your smile will be missed by many.

Rich Hovland - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ Sorry to here of your loss,Are prayers are with you.Bob will be deeply missed by all,

Al & Jean Loehr - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Sincere condolences to the family of Bob Feeney. We have wonderful memories of our friendship in Cando. Maury recalls assisting Bob in football and teaching together at Cando HS. He will be long remembered.

Maury and Sheila Blada - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ I learned a lot about coaching during the years that I was Bob's assistant. Anna, Rob and I send our condolences to Jan and the Feeney family as they deal with the loss of Bob.

Jay Gibson, Anna and Rob - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ *Feeney Family- My condolences to you and your family for your loss. Coach's toughness and high expectations to succeed on the field definitely prepared one for the real life. I'm sure he is in heaven right now organizing a team, having players in the weight room, others running pass routes, some doing tackling drills between the "cones". My prayers are with you. Blaine Clausnitzer BHS Class of 1981*

Blaine Clausnitzer - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ *Dear Jan and familys... Always remember that Heaven is a place nearby, so there's no need to say good-bye...to Bob, Dad, or Grandpa.*

Jeff and Trella Nygaard - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ *Kevin and Family - Prayer and thoughts extended to your family for your loss of a great man. If he is nearly as great of a coach as you are - he was an awesome and instilled great values in you. You have touched many students and players with your desire to succeed and perform. Sympathy to yours and time that heals all.*

Schock Family - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Bob had such a tender heart and was a great mentor. Crystal Jackson Richman BHS Class of 2000*

Crystal Richman - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM