



Douglas Wentz

August 22, 1923 - September 10, 2006

Douglas James Wentz, 83, Mandan, died September 10, 2006, at Medcenter One. Services will be held at 11:00 AM on Thursday at First United Methodist Church, 924 N. 11th St., Bismarck, with Rev. Kermit Culver officiating.

Visitation will be held from 6:00 - 8:00 PM on Wednesday, at Eastgate Funeral Service and one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial will be held at North Dakota Veterans Cemetery in Mandan with military rites provided by VFW Post 1326. Doug was born on August 22, 1923, to Peter and Mae Wentz in Bismarck. He grew up in Napoleon and graduated from Napoleon High School in 1943, after that he spent three years in the United States Marine Corp and attended North Dakota State University for one year. In 1947, he was owner and operator of the Case Implement Dealership in Napoleon until 1958 when he and his family moved to Bismarck. Doug was employed by Hedahls Motor Co., State Hail Department, ND Motor Vehicle Department, Doug owned and operated Doug's Soft Service Ice Cream Trucks, and the U.S. Postal Service where he retired in 1985. Doug loved his music, was active in Good Sams Club, volunteered at Medcenter One, the Mandan Railroad Museum, and enjoyed the outdoors with biking, hunting, fishing and camping. He and his wife Phyllis of 56 years spent their winters in Mesa where Doug was active in the drama club, choir and church. Doug is survived by his wife, Phyllis of Mandan, ND; his son, Gregory Patti Wentz of Fargo, ND; his daughters, Deborah Allison of Minneapolis, MN, Shelley Tom Fitzgerald of Santa Barbara, CA, and Cynthia Joe Stein of Great Falls, MT; his eight

grandchildren and one great-grandchild; and his sisters, Marilyn Wilson of VA, Blanche Kroeber of Bismarck, ND, and Georgia Mae Hawk of Rapid City, SD. Doug was preceded in death by his parents, Peter and Mae Wentz; and his brothers, Robert Wentz and Lee Wentz.