



Edwin Leno

October 8, 1921 - October 3, 2008

Edwin William Leno, 86, Bismarck formerly of Tuttle, N.D. went to his heavenly home on October 3, 2008, after a courageous battle with lung cancer. Services will be held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, October 7, 2008 at the Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 1143 N. 26th Street, Bismarck, with Rev. Larry Giese officiating. Burial will be held at 2:30 PM on Tuesday at the Zion Langedahl Cemetery, southwest of Tuttle. Visitation will be held from 5:00 PM until 9:00 PM on Sunday and 9:00 AM until 9:00 PM on Monday at Eastgate Funeral Service, Bismarck with a prayer service on Monday October 6th beginning at 7:00 PM. Visitation will continue one hour prior to services at the church. Ed was born October 8, 1921, in Kidder County, N.D., the son of Jacob and Caroline Rivinius Leno. He was raised and attended school southwest of Tuttle. In his late teens he became part of the CCC building dams. Ed entered the Army during WWII and served 3 years and 7 months. He was part of the European, African, and Middle East campaign. He was awarded several accommodations, including the Bronze Service Star and Purple Heart. After the war ended, Ed farmed with his brother, William, 10 miles northwest of Tuttle. He soon purchased a farmstead 8 miles north of Tuttle. On November 24, 1946, Ed married Irene Preszler in Braddock, N.D. They were blessed with three children, Arnold, Calvin and Eileen. While in Tuttle, Ed was active on the English Lutheran Church Board, Tuttle Wildlife Club, Tuttle Farmers Elevator Board, and the Stewart Township Board. He was also a member of the Selective Service Board of Kidder County for over

20 years. Living along Highway 3, he would lend a helping hand to many stranded travelers or anyone who just needed help. Irene passed away September 20, 1981. Ed continued to farm for a short time; after 38 years he retired from farming and ranching. In December of 1983, Ed moved to Bismarck. On March 1, 1984, Ed married Gwen White in Mandan. Ed loved to stay busy and active. He assisted the Sergeant of Arms at the State Legislature during sessions 1985 and 1987. Ed also worked as a farm credit counselor for the State Agriculture Department in 1987 and 1988. Still not ready to retire, Ed went to work at Fort Lincoln State Park and soon was named head of the park's maintenance department. Ed worked every day during the open season and mentored many young people that worked with him. In 2006, Ed was finally ready for retirement. His farm roots continued to call him back to help out at the family farm. Ed will always be remembered for his love of family and the special place he had in his heart for all his grandchildren and great grandchildren. He looked forward to another great grandson to be born in Mid-October 2008. He will also be remembered for his hard work ethic and strong integrity. He enjoyed his "coffee buddies" and very seldom missed their daily chat. Being grateful to have shared in his life are his wife, Gwen, Bismarck; his three children, Arnold Nancy Leno, Bismarck, Calvin Jeannie Leno, Tuttle, and Eileen Daryl Rosenau, Bismarck; his step-daughter, Marya White, Eagan, Minnesota; step-daughter-in-law, Gail White, Rockwood, Tennessee; seven grandchildren, Matthew, James, John Katina, and Wayne Leno, Melissa Kurt Schmidt, and Kristin and Kara Rosenau; and two great-grandchildren, Landon and Addyson. Ed is survived by four brothers, Jake, William, Harold, and Art; and two sisters, Tillie and Freda. He is preceded in death by his wife, Irene; his stepson, Jim White; his parents; his brothers, Albert, Adam, and Leo; and his sisters Clara and Elizabeth. Edwin's legacy will proudly live on in the lives of his family.

Tribute Wall

KD

“ GWEN: I JUST HAPPENED TO BE ON THE PARKWAY FUNERAL SERVICE WEBSITE TO LOOK FOR INFO ON THE NICOLAI'S AND SAW THAT ED HAD PASSED AWAY ALSO. IF HENRY WASN'T ON VACATION HE PROBABLY WOULD HAVE BEEN INFORMED OF THIS. YOU HAVE OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY. OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU AT THIS TIME. PLEASE TAKE OF YOURSELF.

KAREN DURAY - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Our prayers and thoughts are with the Leno family. I have a lot of fond memories of Eddie. I remember helping him work cattle in the spring and listening to him tell stories of his early days. I can't keep from smiling when I think of Eddie and my dad meeting in heaven.

James Kleinsasser - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ Ed was always a hard worker and honest guy. I will remember him most for his stories that were trully life lessons.

Ryan Leingang - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ Ed is a special person and I will always cherish the memories shared at Ft. Lincoln. His legacy at the Park is best summed in the obituary that describes his "mentoring" of the many young people that worked at the Park and I am blessed to count my name in this list.

Dan Leingang - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Please accept our heart felt sympathies on the passing of Uncle Edwin. In these hardest of days hang onto all of the wonderful memories you have of him. May you be granted peace in knowing he now rests safely in God's arms.

Cyndi Merrill - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

HA

“ Edwin Leno

Harley - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ Ed was a truly wonderful person. He will never know how much he helped me, sitting and just talking to me, in that garage of his. I love you Ed, rest in peace. Gail

Gail Score-White - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ Uncle Eddy was truly an inspiration to all of us. I will always have fond memories of visiting the farm and the lessons he taught us by simple example. He was an exceptional man and a great role model. Arnold, Calvin & Ilene, we were all fortunate to have grown up in this period in time and have a family like this.

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

HK

“ Edwin Leno

Harley and Gloria Krein - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

WJ

“ so sorry to here of the loss of Edwin our thoughts and prayers are with you in this time of need

Wade And Marlene Jasmann - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM