



Fred F. Heer

May 6, 1933 - October 20, 2010

Fred F. Heer, 77, Bismarck, died October 20, 2010, in a Bismarck Hospital as a result of a cerebral hemorrhage. Services will be held at 2:00 pm Saturday, October 23, 2010, at St. George's Episcopal Church, Bismarck, with Rev. Michael Horn officiating. Burial will be held at 8:45 am Friday, October 22, 2010, at the North Dakota Veteran's Cemetery, Mandan. Fred Franklin Heer was born in a Bismarck Hospital on May 6, 1933, the son of Fred and Rose Goehring Heer. He was raised on the family farm west of Tenvik, ND. He graduated from Linton High School in 1951 and farmed for a period of time with his father. He was drafted into the Korean War. Upon return from his tour of duty in the US Army, he attended Bismarck Junior College. Later, he transferred to Montana State College in Bozeman, MT, where he received a BS in biology. On April 10, 1962, he married Madeline Massa at St. John's Episcopal Church in Townsend, MT. He immediately began employment with the United States Public Health Service in Los Angeles County, CA. In 1964, he was transferred to New Orleans, LA, and served there until being transferred to Bismarck, ND, in 1965 as a federal employee assigned to the North Dakota Health Department. He worked as a VD investigator until 1975 when he resigned from the US Public Health Service and began employment with the ND State Department of Health. He continued working for the ND State Department of Health in the Communicable Disease Division as director of the TB program. He completed his twenty-four years of public health service as Director of the Communicable Disease division. He retired in 1998.

Fred was a passionate outdoorsman. From the time of his youth he loved hunting and fishing. In fact, on the Saturday and Sunday before the brain hemorrhage, he bagged his limit while pheasant hunting. He was looking forward to hunting elk in Montana this coming weekend. He was a charter member of the United Sportsman of ND, ND Pheasants Forever, and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. He was a member of the American Legion, VFW, America Veterans Association, and the Elks. Fred also enjoyed playing pool and participated on two pool teams for the last several years. Fred loved and cared very well for his family. He is survived by his wife, Madeline; his son, Cody, daughter-in-law, Susana Lojan Heer and grandson, Carlos Torres, Glasgow, KY; his sister, Violet Heer Bienek, Fargo, and her sons, Dacian, Crookston, MN, Michael, Warren, MN, and William "Bill" Bienek, Fargo, and their families. He's also survived by his brothers-in-law and their families, Mike and Linda Massa, Hamilton, MT, Larry and Marcia Massa, Bellflower, CA, and sister-in-law, Penny Massa, Hamilton, MT, and their children. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation or ND Pheasants Forever.

Tribute Wall

DS

“*Madeline and Cody Sorry heard about the lost of Fred. I worked with him for a number of years. I learn a lot about TB from Fred. He was a good teacher. You are in my prayers.*

Del Streitz - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CE

“*Madeline and Cody, Jennifer, Heather, and I are spending time together in Minn. and was shocked to hear of Fred's death when Carl called to tell us! Please know that we are thinking of you and wish we could be at the memorial service on Sat. I sooo hope that Cody was able to get home, and you have him with you. I will call when we get home and hopefully we can chat then. May God support you through this time and the days to come! The Edgerly family*

Carol Edgerly - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SL

“*Dear Madeline, My deepest and prayerful sumpathy!! I had no idea, the day I met you at St. Alexius, that Fred was so poorly. I have thought about you often in the last days and pray that as you adjust to Fred's death, you will be consoled in your faith in God's promise of Resurrection in His Son, Jesus. I pray too that you will be comforted with the loving support of family and friends. I never met Fred, that I remember, but I know my life would have been enriched had I known him. Your life with Fred was a blessed life and I pray that God will continue to shower blessings on you and your family. With prayerful sympathy. Sister Susan Lardy Delta Kappa Gamma sister*

Sister Susan Lardy - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ You will be missed! Heavny Hunting grounds is yours. We will have many fond memories, when we are hunting and fishing and just whenever we feel you touch our hearts.

Melissa - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CE

“ Remember hunting pheasant with Fred on the farm. He was always a great sportsman.

Cathy Eggebraten - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Sorry for your loss. Glad to be there when you need us. Give us a call if you need anything else.

Mary & Darrell Stinar - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GK

“ I have known fred for many years thru pool league, and also as a regular at gun city where i work part time. Madeline has had me over to the house many times to work on the agged plumbing system. Madeline i am so sorry for your loss and you can sure call me if there is anything i can do for you, i dont live far away--gus

gus knudson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ Dear Madeline, Cody, and Family So sorry to hear of Freds passing. Our thoughts and Prayers are with you in these difficult days. I so well remember the many days of fishing-pheasant hunting-deer hunting-elk hunting with Fred. Many happy days together and in a little while we will be together again. Dean and Cathy Eggebraten

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JH

“ Madeline - Thinking of you at this sad time, so sorry to read about your husband's passing. Your election board pal in District 30, Judith Hammer

Judith Hammer - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ Dear Madeline, Cody, and family, Please accept our condolences in Fred's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you as you work through your grief in the days and months ahead. God bless you.

Steve & Linda Aafedt - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

OH

“ I cherish Fred's memory the games of pool and his kind words when I played badly They will abides with me, as present as when he was with us. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Owen

Owen Halvorson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ Madeline -- I am so sorry to hear of Fred's passing. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. May God be will you all during this time.

Kirsten McIntyre - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ I seen Fred about 3 mornings a week at Scheels. He gave me a hard time when ever he seen me. He then would ask about my family or home. That was Fred, pretended to be crabby but was too good of guy to keep it up. Will miss him.

Jeremy Remily - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Thanks Fred for all the fun times at auctions and the Elk Banquets. Your fun loving spirit will always be remembered and cherished.

Rick & JoAnn Schmaltz - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Madeline, Cody, Violet and family, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I remember when Fred and Madeline gave me a ride to Fargo when I was in college. You are all in my prayers.

Mary Jo Bienek Soberaski - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AE

“ We will miss you Fred!! The Mall will not be the same without you.

Antique & Coin Exchange - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TZ

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family in this time of sorrow

Tammy and Randy Zimmerman - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ *Madeline, condolences to you and your family on the death of your husband and father. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Debbie Will*

Debbie Will - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *Madeline and family, We are so sorry for your loss. I will miss talking to Fred. Our Prayers and thoughts are with you. Please let us know if you need anything. Diana and Al Brooks*

Diana Brooks - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM