



George A Seifert

July 8, 1924 - March 11, 2015

The true measure of a man is not just in what he does in this world — it's in what he gives to this world. It's in his character. His compass. His selflessness. By that standard and by any other, George A. Seifert lived a full and honorable life. A life of principle. A life of values. A life defined by love of God, love of family and love of country. George died March 11 with family at his side and God in his heart. He was 90 years old. He was a good man. He is gone now from this world, but perhaps the beauty of a life well-lived is that its goodness remains. It lives on in the hearts of George's eight children, his 24 grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren. George's faith, his love and his self-determination are gifts he gave of freely and are traits that proved to be a strong foundation for a remarkable life. Mass of Christian burial will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, March 16, at Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Bismarck, with Monsignor Thomas Richter celebrating the mass. Visitation will be held from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday and from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday at Parkway Funeral Service, 2330 Tyler Parkway, Bismarck. A rosary/vigil will be held at 6 p.m. Sunday at Cathedral of the Holy Spirit. Visitation will continue one hour prior to the service at the church. George was born to Philip and Belgan Schaefer Seifert on July 8, 1924, in Haynes, North Dakota. He attended the country school there and lived on the family farm until he enlisted in the Navy in 1944. After boot camp and amphibious training, George was assigned to the U.S. warship LSM-107, upon which he served on missions from Hawaii to Guam and the Philippines during World War II. After an honorable discharge

from the Navy, George returned to North Dakota and took a job for an electrical contractor in Hettinger. He moved to the Bismarck-Mandan area not long thereafter. In 1970, George started his own electrical shop — Seifert Electric — which today is run by his three sons and one son-in-law. On June 30, 1948, George married the love of his life, Alice Mosbrucker, in Center, North Dakota. They had eight children: Georgette, Mary Alice, Philip, Catherine, Bernadette, Christopher, Michael and Teresa. George was incredibly proud of his family and enjoyed being around them. As the family grew — first with grandchildren and then with great-grandchildren — the regular gatherings became a little louder but never less frequent. Religion also was a central part of George's life. A member of the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit Catholic Church for over 40 years, George attended daily mass until arthritis made it too difficult for him to walk. To know George was to know his love of God. This wasn't necessarily because of his words — though he would certainly tell you if asked — but it was definitely through his deeds. George was a member of the St. Mary's Hall of Fame, the Knights of Columbus, the Elks, the VFW, the AMVETS, the American Legion, the Eagles and United Commercial Travelers. He enjoyed fishing and getting together with his Navy buddies; starting in 1989, George and his shipmates held 14 annual reunions. George's faith, love and generosity will be his legacy on earth. Meanwhile, he will be in heaven, reunited with his parents, his sisters Helen, Barbara, Rose, Maggie, and Margaret, his brothers Max, John, Wendell, Joe, and Martin and his granddaughter Melanie Neigum. George is survived by his wife, Alice; his daughters Georgette Charles Falk, Mary Alice Mike Neigum, Catherine Kate Mark Zander, Bernadette Jerome Fitterer and Teresa Arnie Heidrich; and his sons Philip Susan, Christopher Donna and Michael Jane. He also is survived by his 24 grandchildren: Michael, Ben and Zachary Neigum, and Sarah Ternes; Tricia Wild, Rachel Spilde and PJ Seifert; Annie Bennett and Katie Jo Wald; Angela Myerchin and Patrick, Matthew and Bryan Fitterer; Paul and Nick Seifert, Laura Hase and Allison Carlson; Thomas and Michaela Seifert and Jessica Arndt; Brandon and Grant Heidrich; and Melissa Falk. And

George's 29 plus two on the way great-grandchildren are Sierra, Paige, Andrew, Annabelle, Madeline, Genevieve, Nevaya, Max, Whitney, William, Genevieve, Zander, Paisley, Piper, Gemma, Grace, Ethan, Quinn, Broden, Beckett, Brynna, Camden, Abigail, Taylor, Joseph, Andrew, George, Philip, and Seren; and his brother, Roman Seifert. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the Dakota Zoo or St. Mary's Central High School.

Tribute Wall

AF

“What a true friend we will forever have in our hearts with love and prayer for the Seifert family. George & Alice began our friendship through the tennis team at Century and had loads of fun times right across the street from their home. Could hardly drive by Seifert Electric on our trips to Bismarck and not stop and say "Hello" along with the ever present question: "How's everyone in the family"? A friend to all has gone before us and we will remember his ever present good mood.

Ann & Allyn A. Wald - Fargo - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BE

“Dear Aunt Alice and Family...I've been reflecting this morning on many great memories of my trips back to visit. I hope that the weather cooperates today and that the sun shines bright; unlike the last time Holly & I were back. We were shopping in Wal-Mart; I mentioned to Uncle George that the sky was looking a little funny. He looked outside and all he said was get the girls and I'll get the car. I don't think I ever saw him move so fast. We made it back to your home and the safety of the basement in record time, as the tornado passed. I'm sure in my heart that George is enjoying the view and the memories; standing in the light of the Lord along with the rest of the family that preceded him. Love you all, Bill & Holly

Bill and Holly Eckroth - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GV

“Dear Chris, Donna, and the Seifert family, my sympathies and prayers at the passing of a great man. He was always such a wonderful Saint Mary's supporter over the years. God has a special place for George. He will be missed. Blessings to all of you in your time of sorrow. Gary VerDouw Saint Peters, MO

Gary VerDouw - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Alice and Families We are very sorry to have heard about George's passing when we did. We have great memories of what started out as just playing on Seifert Electric Softball team, and by the end of the season of the first year it became like a second family with life time friendships being made. Even though George and my mom and dad had known each other from growing up years it is crazy to have those friendships remain. George was a very kind and caring person, always had time to stop say hi and ask how things were going. He will be missed and know there are many people that share in your loss. Great memories great family and great friends will help get everyone through the difficult times. Thinking of you and praying for you and your families. Mark, Cheryl, MiKayla and Austin Schmidt

Cheryl Schmidt - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ Dear Aunt Alice & family, I was very sad to hear that Uncle George had passed. While my prayers are with all of you, I also find it very easy to recall many happy memories. He had a ready smile to share as well as a joke. May his light and love remain with you as he looks on you from above.

Catherine Hickey - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ We wanted to share the following message received from the Carmelite Sisters from Hague, ND Dear Mr Seifert, Praised be Jesus Christ! Wednesday was actually the first day of the novena to St Joseph-- He is the patron of a happy death. I'm sure he interceded with God on your father's behalf. We pray for your father that he may be at peace in the Lord's loving embrace and for all your family during this time of sorrow.

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

BC

“ Dear Seifert Family, Your Husband and Dad was the patriarch of a very wonderful and special family. The loss and sadness you are feeling must be immeasurable. I have no doubt searching the earth, there is not a person who's come in contact with him, and all of you, who's life hasn't been changed for the better in some special way. Your Dad had those traits that brought light, laughter, love, and joy to all who knew him. May you feel love and comfort from The Holy Spirit during this difficult time.

Barbara Caggiano - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ Rest in PEACE George, our thoughts & prayers are with you and your Family. Dwight & Betsy Grismer

Dwight & Betsy Grismer - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ We are truly sorry for the loss of George. He is a inspiration and someone we'll never forget. During our visits you could always take away something to help you become a better person. George always had a joke or two, and appreciated the time spent visiting. Rest in Piece George, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Anchors Away!! Dwight & Betsy Grismer

Dwight & Betsy Grismer - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ May God bless your family during this time of grieving. Many thanks to George for hosting many great memories at the ballpark, and backyard. Tim Bosworth

Tim Bosworth - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GW

“ Alice and family, Ken and I were sad to hear of George passing away. Please know that all of you are in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Gale and Ken Welch

Gale Welch - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Dear Aunt Alice and all of my wonderful cousins, It is with heartfelt sympathy that I heard of Uncle George's passing. I had dreams about him all last week and wondered how he was doing. I will always have fond memories of Uncle George and the fact that he was always there and willing to help whenever needed. The love he had for his family was unconditional and it showed. Besides my mom, Uncle George was my dad's BEST friend and brother throughout an entire lifetime. It's amazing that all 6 Seifert boys survived WWII and Korea and went on to live full and incredible lives. I'm sorry that we can't make it to the funeral and know that our prayers and thoughts are with all of you. With love in Christ, Chuck

Charles Seifert & Family - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ Teresa and Seifert family, Sorry to hear about the loss of your Dad. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Kathy Bitz - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PG

“ Dear Alice and family, I was deeply saddened by the news of George's passing. My heart felt condolences to you and the entire family. Know that each of you are and will remain in my prayers. Eternal rest, grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul, and those of all the departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Peter Gleich and family

Peter Gleich - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LY

“ I am so sad to hear of the loss of your dad, grandpa, great grandpa and friend. I have such great memories of a kind and gentle man - i will always treasure the time spent around George - maybe he can have coffee with my dad in heaven - thinking of all of you at this special time. Lori Ganzer

Lori Yantzer - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Very sorry for your loss. Keeping your family in our thoughts and prayers.

Jesse & Andrea Wald - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM