



Gilbert Maas

March 11, 1924 - June 14, 2007

Gilbert Gustav Maas, 83, died June 14, 2007, at the VA Medical Center in Fargo. Interment will be held on Monday, June 18, 2007, at 11:00 AM at the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery in Mandan. Gilbert was born on March 11, 1924, on the family farm west of Hebron, ND, to Gottlieb and Carolina Meier Maas. Gilbert worked for several farmers in the Hebron and Elgin areas until he enlisted in the Army on July 20, 1944, at Fort Snelling, MN. He fought in the Battle of Huertgen Forest and the Battle of the Bulge, receiving several medals including the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star. A portion of Gilbert's war diary may be found at <http://home.scarlet.be/~cv920172/index.htm>. After separation from the Army on June 20, 1946, in Fort Lewis, WA, Gilbert became a carpenter and worked for various construction companies, dams, and air force bases. He belonged to the Carpenter's Union Local 1091 for 55 years. On October 22, 1950, Gilbert married Irene Staiger in Hebron, ND. Gilbert is survived by his brother, Clarence Maas of Fountain Valley, CA; a special cousin, Floyd Maas of Crocker, SD; his sisters-in-law, Pauline, Eleanor, and Leni Maas; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his sisters, Christina, Louise, Sophia, Margaret, Ida, Elsie, and Esther; and his brothers, Philip Frederick "Fred", Theodore, Reinhold, Theodore "Ted", Henry, and Harry. The family prefers memorials to the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery, Mandan.