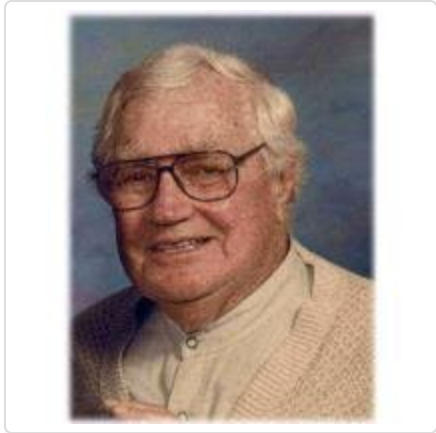




James O Fine

October 23, 1922 - March 7, 2012

James O. Fine, 89, Bismarck, died March 7, 2012, at St. Alexius Medical Center, Bismarck. A memorial service will be held at 11:30 am Monday, March 12, at McCabe United Methodist Church, Bismarck, with Rev. Rick Fossum officiating. Burial will be in the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery, Mandan. There will be no visitation as cremation has taken place. James was born October 23, 1922, in Rock Township, Benson County, ND, the son of Charles W. and Tina Otteson Fine. He graduated from Minnewaukan High School in 1940 and from the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, in 1951, with a degree in Masters of Arts. He married Nellie Gilderhus in 1949 and they had four children, Charles, Rebecca, Janel, and Nathan. Nellie died in June 1967. He married Darlene Novak on October 23, 1982. He served in the Navy from April 1946 until April 1948. He was honorably discharged as photographers's mate third class. James spent his entire career in public service in North Dakota, except for his farming operations from 1951-1957, then teaching high school and coaching basketball for two years in Broomfield and two years in Cleveland, ND. James served in the ND House of Representatives from 1955 - 1956. He was appointed by the Governor of North Dakota to the Board of Administration for five years and was chairman the last two years. He became state director of the Office of Economic Opportunity of North Dakota in 1966 and in 1967 became director of the Lewis and Clark Job Corp Center until it closed. On July 1, 1968, he accepted the position of executive director of the ND Department of Vocational Rehabilitation and retired from that position in

March 31, 1988. James was a man of many talents and experiences and enjoyed and loved his family, friends, and retirement. James and Darlene enjoyed traveling and also took many day trips. He was an avid hunter and fisherman. His hobbies were many and included cooking, woodworking, planting trees, watching western movies and listening to polka and country music. He and Darlene had been involved in square dancing. James is survived by his loving wife, Darlene; his children, Charles Karlene Fine, Bismarck, Rebecca Donald Gale, Albuquerque, NM, Janel Nelson Wingerd, Albuquerque, NM; stepdaughter, Deidre Handtmann, Bismarck; sister, Bette Staub, Longview, WA; grandchildren, Katrina Fine, Christin Andy McWaters, Gerald Gale, Shelly Gale, Elisa MarioMartinez, Justin Wingerd; and step-grandchildren, Brandon Baker, Jessica Handtmann and Kelsie Handtmann. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Nellie; his son, Nathan Fine; his parents, Charles and Tina; brothers, Winfield, Lawrence and Robert Fine; and sisters-in-law, Isa, Roberta, Margaret and Phyllis Fine.

Tribute Wall

MH

“ sorry for your loss your in my prayers mary handtmann

mary handtmann - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ Dear Charles, Becky, Janell and families. I am so sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. He was a great teacher, neighbor and friend when we lived across the street from your family in Brocket. I remember my Dad, Allwin, and your Dad getting ready for fishing trips and talking politics. It was always a good time. My sympathy to all of you and Darlene at this difficult time.

Marcie DeGroot-Flasch - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Sister Bonnie sent me news of your loss Cousin Dolly. I am thinking of you and your family during this hard time. I only met James the one time but am so happy I had that chance to connect and see the happiness you had together!

Sherry Mundy - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ Jim always made the visits that I made with Darlene's brother Bud so enjoyable. We would pull into town in our RV, get settled in the RV park and head over to Dolly and Jim's for good food and lots of wonderful stories and good times. My almost 10 years of being part of their family have been very precious to me. Much love, your sis-in-law Alicia Novak

Alicia Novak - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

FG

“ To the James Fine Families, I am so sorry to hear of your lose. One of my friends told me about his passing this afternoon. He was a wonderful man Every time I would stop by he would talk about his family. Always had a smile on his face. Told me lots of stories. He had his view on different things and espescially politics. I will be keeping you in my prayers in the days and weeks to come. Love you all, Fran Goetz

Fran Goetz - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ To the Fine Family: "Mr. Fine" was our teacher in Brocket High School in the late 1950's and was also our basketball and baseball coach. Of all the teachers we had, he was most assuredly one of the brightest.Later in life, he was my mentor when I began a teacher career at Bismarck Junior College. Later, My wife Leeila and I got to know his grown-up family and were with them when Nellie passed away.Smart, compassionate, and humorous--a true gentleman.

Clarence A. Bina - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Thinking of you in this difficult time,

Bonnie Horejsi Smith - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I taught with Nellie and met your dad sometime later. May God give you comfort.

Sharon Fogderud Sonneson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ I was saddened to hear of Jim's death. Although I hadn't seen him in quite some time, I have many fond memories of the many years we served together as colleagues. His sense of humor and infectious chuckle are just a couple of the things about him that stick in my mind. My thoughts are with his family at this time.

Don K Johnson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

IC

“ We have been so blessed to have Jim and all of your family as part of our own extended family all these years. Jim was such a wonderful role model with his sharp intellect, endless curiosity, boundless energy, and courage of convictions. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you, our dear friends.

Ione Swenson and Connor - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ My deepest sympathy for the Fine Family. Every fall has a young kid i always anticipated seeing that motorhome pull into dads yard meaning that jim had arrived for a week of hunting and old fashioned story telling of years gone by. Jim would always take us waterfowl hunting and showed us how to hunt and in later years gave me a place to stay while i was looking for work in Bismarck and 3 hearty meals a day followed by countless snacks in between and new stories of the past which i enjoyd to hear. Jim will always be a part of the memories i will never forget. Thanks Jim for everything Erik Swenson

erik swenson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ Chuck, Karlene and family, You have my sympathy in the passing of Jim. I know you have many good memories of him and even though some of us have far fewer, they are really good too. I'll remember hunting with you and your dad, Chuck, and the great meals Jim would prepare for us in the field. Even though we worked hard while hunting, I seemed to gain weight when Jim was cooking. His great laugh and sense of humor will also be missed. God bless.

Ken Karls - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Darlene and family of Jim: Jim's sense of humor, and his thoughtfulness with family and friends will be greatly missed by us all.

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

MF

“ Chuck, Karlene, and family, I'm sorry to hear about Jim's death. After meeting him and through conversations with Chuck, I have the impression he was a good person and dad. It appears that his only failing was an inability to instill better golf skills in his son. I hope you are comforted by good memories of your time with him.

Mike Fladeland - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GW

“ Our prayers and sympathy to you all. Phyllis let us know. I am your cousin Georgine Novak from Wisconsin. Georgine and Chuck Worthington

georgine Worthingtin - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NH

“ to Darlene and the family... I have very fond memories of growing up across the street and knowing Jim. When I'd come home to visit Bev, I would always be welcome when I came over for a chat with Jim and Darlene. Jim's great sense of humor will be missed by all his friends. My sympathies to you all. Love, Nancy

Nancy Harms - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM