



John Koch

March 13, 1910 - December 16, 2003

John Koch, 93, Bismarck, died December 16, 2003, in a local hospital. Services will be held 10:00 AM, Friday, at Bismarck Baptist Church, Bismarck, with the Rev. Don Burnett officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 PM, Thursday, at Eastgate Funeral Service and one hour prior to the service at the church. John Koch was born March 13, 1910, in Bison, SD, to John, Sr. and Emelia Rennich Koch. He was raised and educated in New Leipzig, ND and was baptized in September on 1943 by Rev. David Littke. John married Lydia Kramer, March 12, 1936, in Elgin, ND. He was employed by Birdsall Elevator Company in New Leipzig, as a grain dealer. He retired in 1972 after 31 years of service. He served 10 years as treasurer, 18 years as custodian, and 39 years as sexton and caretaker of the Baptist Church Cemetery in New Leipzig. John and Lydia enjoyed traveling, and upon retirement, spent 12 winters in Florida, Arizona and Southern California. John and Lydia moved to Bismarck in 1989. They were members of the Bismarck Baptist Church. John is survived by his wife, Lydia of Bismarck; his son, Mitchell Koch of Minot, ND; his two daughters and sons-in-law, Carol and Dwight Saville of Moffit, ND and Joanne and Keith Saville of Grafton, ND; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; one brother, Edward Koch, of New Underwood, SD; one sister, Lenore Roseveare of Vallejo, CA; and many nieces, nephews, and good friends. He was preceded in death by his parents and seven sisters. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the Baptist Home.