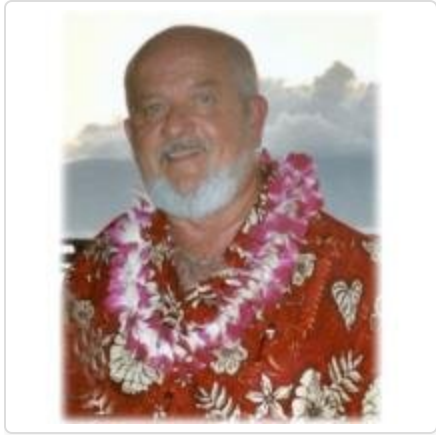




John Stiefel

September 11, 1945 - March 26, 2009

John Stiefel, 63, passed away on March 26, 2009, after a short battle with cancer. Funeral services will be held on Friday at 1:00 PM at Trinity Lutheran Church in Bismarck with Rev. Steve Sathre officiating. Burial will be held at the ND Veteran's Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Tuesday from 5:00 – 9:00 PM and Wednesday from 9:00 AM – 9:00 PM at Parkway Funeral Service, 2330 Tyler Parkway, Bismarck. There will be no visitation at the church. John was born to Herbert and Frieda Ellwein Stiefel on September 11, 1945, in Hazen, ND. John graduated from Cando High School. He enlisted in the Army and served in Vietnam with the 9th Infantry Division out of Junction City, KS. He married Marcia Thrall Boyer at Trinity Lutheran Church on October 24, 1981. John worked as a meat cutter for several years and then for Robert James Real Estate. He then worked with his long-time friend, Rocky, for Rocky Gordon and Co. John shared his love of ice fishing with his friends, whether the fish were biting or not. From early spring to late fall, you would find John setting up his weekend home down at General Sibley Park. All summer his motor home was his home away from home. He loved visiting neighbors, sitting by the campfire, finding odd rocks to later polish, and roasting marshmallows with his granddaughter, Maya. John was an avid woodworker; many people own things that John created in his garage, which was his sanctuary. John loved collecting things. He had collections of coins, clowns, marbles, and other miscellaneous things. John was proud of his German heritage. He enjoyed German food and the company of others that

also spoke German. Maya, his granddaughter was the joy of his life. She could get by with anything with her Grandpa. John was a friend of Bill W. for over 37 years. He is survived by his wife, Marcia; two step-sons, Cory Becky Thrall of Bismarck, and Dan Cathy Thrall of Denver, Colorado; two brothers, Herbert Dolores Stiefel and Jim Steifel friend Donna both of California; one sister, Sheila Chuck Olin of Michigan; and one granddaughter, Maya Thrall of Bismarck. He was preceded in death by his parents and one niece.

Tribute Wall

JM

“ We often seen John at Sibley walking around in his flowered shirt he kept to himself mostly but occasionally would stop and talk about the weather or if something happened in the camp ground. He seemed to be such a gentle soul. We will miss seeing him this summer and we will have a marshmallow for him.

Judy and Don Meidinger - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ Hello Marcia! I am so sorry to hear of John's death. My prayers and thoughts are with you and your family. I hope you will get strength, love and support from all of them. Love, Linda

Linda Garding - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

HS

“ My most sincere condolences to John's wife Marcie and his family. I have known John since we both became friends of Bill W., over 37 years ago. He was my friend.

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BR

“ Thoughts of John bring me many good memories of his family. John dated my sister for a time and I of course had a crush on him. He was always kind. I worked with his mother. Sheila is a good friend. My thoughts are with all of you at this time of sorrow. Blessings in Christ, Becky

Becky Raddohl - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ I remember John as being in my sister Dalene's class and his brother Jim was in my class at Cando High School. Jim, if you are reading this message, I'm sorry for your loss and would like you to get in touch with me to update the mailing list for our class. I'm sorry I am using this site to do this but thought it was an opportunity. Again, I am sorry for your loss.

Debbie Burkhart Currie - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

HF

“ To Johns Family, Your in our thoughts and prayers at this very hard time. We will miss him dearly! High Ridge North FamilyHarlan Erik Krista Braeden Tyler Heather

High Ridge North Family - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ Sorry to hear of the passing of John, he will be dearly missed. I very much liked John.

Curt Dockter - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ *Marcia, Maya and Family - We are so sorry to hear that John is no longer with us. We have a lot of good memories with him. LeeRon appreciated the working relationship and friendship they shared. We really enjoyed his visits when we would go camping, we knew he would stop by every morning on his daily walk. We enjoyed coming by your home every year on Halloween to trick or treat. John was a special part of our lives and we are truly sorry for your loss. May God Bless you in the days ahead with comfort and peace.*

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