



## Lawrence Leo Ackerman

June 17, 1924 - March 3, 2014

Lawrence Leo Ackerman, 89, Bismarck, formerly of Elgin, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on March 3, 2014, at St. Alexius Medical Center. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. March 8, 2014, at St. Anne's Catholic Church, Bismarck, ND. A vigil service will be held Friday, March 7, 2014, at 7 p.m. with visitation at 6 p.m. Lawrence was born June 17, 1924, to Peter and Rose Meyer Ackerman in Kenmare, ND, where he was raised and educated. On September 10, 1943, Lawrence entered the U.S. Army, Headquarters Company 3rd Battalion 232nd Infantry 42nd Division. He was stationed in Central Europe where he worked as a motor mechanic. He earned the Combat Infantryman Badge for his service and was honorably discharged April 20, 1946. On October 28, 1950, he married the love of his life, Marcella Sally Johnson, and together provided a loving home for 6 children and for 63 years led by example how to live and love. They made their home in Kenmare where he worked as a lineman for MDU from 1947 to 1977. That same year they moved to Elgin where he continued to work for MDU as an appliance repairman and meter reader until his retirement in 1986. Lawrence was a member of the VFW Post 7049, American Legion and Lions Club. He was an active member in his community and St. John's Catholic Church. He loved spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren, playing cards, cutting trees, helping Sally with her quilts and having a beer after a long day. Lawrence was a quiet man with an extremely big heart. He would help anybody with anything that needed fixing. It may have not always looked

pretty, but it did work when he was done even if he had to jerry-rig it. He was always on hand to help one of his kids shingle their house or fix a washing machine, lawn mower, toaster or anything with a cord or motor. In his later years Lawrence always had many happy moments and lots of laughter when Bailey and Bergen came for a weekend visit. He is survived by his wife, Marcella Sally; four sons, Greg Dianna; Steven Jeanette; Dennis Gwyn; and Cletus Darcy; daughter, Karen David Haid Brown; and son-in-law Randy Gleave; 13 grandchildren, Jason Danell Ackerman; Jeremy Heather Ackerman; Jodi Brian Tvedt; Daniel Laura Ackerman; Casey Winter Ackerman; Troy Darcy Gleave; Toby Karoline Gleave; Tanner Joylynn Gleave; Megan Ackerman; Bailey and Bergen Ackerman; Mikaela and Taylor Brown; and 11 great-grandchildren. Three brothers, James Eleanor Ackerman; Leroy Judy Ackerman and Peter Ackerman; three sisters, Marilyn Howard Moerike; Darlene Bartuska and Shirley Clark; brothers-and-sisters in-law, Myrtle Sampson; Vernon Thelen, Earling and Jean Johnson; Mitzi Johnson, Leroy and Edie Johnson; Vernon and Delores Johnson; Phyllis Johnson, Darlene and Fred Nix; Carol and Bob Mulholland; Marlyn "Butch" and Katie Johnson; and numerous nieces and nephews. Lawrence was preceded in death by his parents; daughter Sandra Gleave; three brothers, Jerome "Bud," Izzy, Maurice Adeline and Alvin; two sisters, Evelyn Leo Schmitz and Rachel Lloyd Mattern; brothers and sisters in-law, Leo Schmitz, Marvin Kalmbach, Jim Bartuska, Sharon Ackerman, Jim Clark, Cheryl Ackerman, Eleanor Ackerman, Sam Sampson, Myron Joyce Johnson, Arlyss Thelen, Cleo "Bud" Johnson and Ronald Johnson. Lawrence was loved dearly by his family and will be greatly missed.

# Tribute Wall

LS

“ *Sally and Family, We are so sorry for your loss of Lawrence. We know he will be missed. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Larry and Jackie Smith*

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**Larry and Jackie Smith** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KO

“ *My sincere sympathy, Karen and Ackerman family on the loss of a man I know was very dear to each of you. May the many sweet memories last you a lifetime and comfort you at this time. Thoughts and prayers & hope to see you tomorrow. Kandi*

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**Kandi Olson** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RN

“ *May your memories give you peace and comfort.*

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**Rena Niemi** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ *Ackerman Family -- So Sorry for you loss of Lawrence. Many good memories of the Ackerman Family growing up in Kenmare. Our deepest sympathies. Mary Neft Kitzenberg*

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**Mary** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ *Sally, Karen and Family...my thoughts and prayers are with you and the family. I have many great memories of Lawrence, especially the nightly beer and will toast to the celebration of his life! Love Brad*

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**Brad Hanson** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ We are so sorry for your loss, please accept our deepest sympathies. The Hill Family

Austin Hill - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NA

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I hope your happy memories soon bring you peace and joy. Melody

Name - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. My Dad, Garth Hickman worked with Lawrence many years at MDU in Kenmare. Many memories of growing up in the MDU family in Kenmare.

Claudia Hickman Benjamin - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ My sympathy to all of your family. This is a difficult time but just remember all of your good memories.

Lila Gast - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PJ

“ Thinking of you Sally and family. Lawrence was an awesome guy and will be missed. Love Phyllis.

Phyllis Johnson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and family at this time. Uncle Lawrence was a super guy and will be missed very much.

Rhonda Johnson Horner - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ *My thoughts are with you Aunt Sally and your family. Uncle Lawrence will be missed. Much love, Sheri Johnson Lawson.*

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**Sheri Johnson Lawson** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ *Sally & family, sorry for your loss, Lawrence, a very good man loved & respected by everyone, find comfort in treasured memories. May the peace of Christ be with you. Eugene & Betsy Kuntz*

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**Betsy Kuntz** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ *He was a great man. Sorry for your loss.*

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**Stacy Piatz Keller** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PN

“ *Sympathy to the whole Family*

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**Pam Lehman Norris** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ *Wishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to the face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your heart... so sorry for your loss.. prayers are with you all!*

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**Sheila Ackerman and family** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NA

“ Sally, I remember my growing up years in Kenmare when Lawrence worked on the MDU line crew with my dad, Floyd Huwe. Even at a young age, I thought he was a neat, special guy and know that my Dad thought the same of him. My sympathy and prayers to you and your family. Dan and Karen Huwe Nielsen

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**Name** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ Sally, We were so saddened to hear of Lawrence's death. Our thoughts are with you and your family during this time of grief. We have great memories of you and Lawrence here in Elgin- mostly our "couple's bowling" on Sunday nights. Your faith in God will give you strength and the love of friends will support you. Fitz and Rosemary

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**Rosemary Pfitzenreuter** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AK

“ Our sympathy Sally and Family. Always enjoyed Lawrence, he will be missed by many.

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**Ardella and Ken** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Sally, and your family at this time of loss.

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**Deb and Rick Michels** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ So sorry to hear about Lawrence's passing, will always remember the good times we had playing cards & Lions functions. Will miss him. Our sympathy to you and your family. Agnes & Raph

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**Agnes Meidinger** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ *I'm so sorry to hear of your loss, Sally and children. My deepest sympathy. Shelley and Frank Geesey, Elgin, ND*

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**Shelley Ritter-Geesey** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

IR

“ *Sally and family, So sorry for your loss. Remembering the past years and the good times we shared. Lawrence will be missed. My deepest sympathy.. Irene Rauscher*

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**Irene Rauscher** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM