



Michael J Senger

August 18, 1921 - March 2, 2013

Michael J. Senger, 91, Woodbury, MN, formerly of Bismarck, ND, died March 2, 2013. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:30 am Thursday, March 7, at Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Bismarck, with Rev. Nick Schneider officiating. Burial will be at 1:00 pm at the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery, Mandan. Visitation will be held from 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm Wednesday, March 6, at Parkway Funeral Service, 2330 Tyler Parkway, Bismarck, where a vigil/rosary will begin at 7:00 pm. Visitation will continue one hour prior to the service at the church. Michael was born August 18, 1921, in Bismarck, ND, the son of Joseph and Theresa Schmaltz Senger. He graduated from St. Mary's High School in 1939. On July 13, 1942, he entered the U.S. Navy and served during WWII in the Pacific Theatre. He was honorably discharged on December 20, 1945. Michael married Geri Koch on June 5, 1958, at Church of St. Mary, Bismarck. He was employed for 40 years with MDU in Bismarck as a construction foreman until his retirement in 1986. Michael was involved with St. Mary's Central High School Boosters, St. Mary's Carnival, Flickertail Woodcarvers, a continuous member of American Legion for the past 50 years, a lifetime member of the Bismarck Elks, charter member of the Bismarck Zoo, and a charter member of Gateway to Science Center. Michael played softball for Roosevelt Bar and went to Austin, TX, for two national championship games. He bowled for Schneider's Standard, winning the Midways Four-Member Quads League in 1964. He also earned the Triplicate Chevron in bowling. Michael is survived by his wife, Geri Senger,

Woodbury, MN; his children, Michelle Collins Sparb, Bismarck, Cheryl Mark Elsbernd, Woodbury, MN, Michael Nancy Senger, Aberdeen, SD, Mary Senger, Woodbury, MN, Susan Terry Johnson, Cottage Grove, MN, and Patricia Darcy Sperle, Woodbury, MN; his grandchildren, Amanda Collins, Brandon Collins, Laura Elsbernd, Kristin Elsbernd, Michael Elsbernd, Scott Senger, Matthew Senger, Andrea Senger, Abigail Johnson, Kate Johnson, Andrew Sperle, and Maggie Sperle; his sisters, Arlene Pius Keller, Bismarck, and Donna Holta, Anchorage, AK; and his sister-in-law, Irene Senger, Bismarck. He was preceded in death by his parents; his brothers, John Clara Senger, William Senger, Thomas Senger, and Joe Senger; his sisters, Betty Charlie Burdett, Ann Kline, Cecile Senger, Helen Senger; and his brother-in-law, Ed Holta.

Tribute Wall

BH

“ Dear Geri, So sorry to see that Mike passed away!! My deepest sympathy goes out to you and your family!! I enjoyed seeing Mike every 6 months and enjoyed getting to know both of you over the years and also, getting to know your family through you. Mike was a friendly and kind man with an easy smile and laugh. He was so happy to move closer to family where he could help with the grandkids. I will continue to keep you and your family in my prayers during this sad time.

Barb Salzer - dental hygienist - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ Dear Mary, and the whole Senger family, My condolences on the passing of your Dad. I remember walking home from Cathedral and crossing the street so I could admire his beautiful yard. How great it is to read about all the many other things that he was involved in..such a great tribute to a fine man.

Sharon Dallas - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ Mary! Sorry to hear about ur dad! Sorry i couldnt be with u today! But Eileens husband funeral was today in Jamestown! He was a great man! He loved his garden and especially his flowers which were absolutely beautifu! Geri my heart goes out to u and ur family! God Bless!

Brenda Dosch - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ *Mary...I was sad to see that your Dad passed away...my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time!*
Linda Strait

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

SL

“ *Dear Geri, Michelle and all the Senger family, My prayerful sympathy as you say good-by to a wonderful man. His long life was rich and full. I pray that the God Mike served so faithfully welcomes him to eternal joy and peace. May you know the loving support and consolation of family and friends. Sincerely, Sister Susan Lardy PS I was Michelle's first grade teacher at Cathedral Grade School, at that time I was Sister Yvonne. I knew Geri as a faithful nurse at St. Alexius. I am grateful to you all.*

Sister Susan Lardy - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ *Senger Family, so sorry for your loss. Mike was such a good friend to my parents Paul and Mona Ziegler. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Karen Ziegler Fischer - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ *Uncle Mike was truly one of the "good guys" and will be missed by many!*

Ken & Sue Koch Family - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ Dear Senger Family, My thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this time. In the very short time that I cared for your husband/father/grandfather it was plain to see he was a great man, my only wish is I would have been able to get to know him sooner! My favorite memory of him is the day he was going to get a haircut, he was so excited and telling me "you can eat peanuts at this place my daughter is taking me to get a haircut". That morning while getting ready instead of combing his hair while sitting in his chair he insisted on standing up in front of the mirror to comb his hair. I could tell he was a proud man and after reading all he has accomplished in his 91 years he has every right to be! He was a pleasure to have as my client and you all are an amazing family. It is goodbye for now, not forever Sincerely, Sam CNA

Samantha - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ Condolences from the BSC Alumni Association. Rita Nodland

BSC Alumni Association - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Please accept condolences from our family at the loss of this special man. You could tell Mike relished his role as Grandpa...we often witnessed his "fun, get down on the floor and play with the kids" attitude at the many Senger family gatherings at which we were gratefully included. We join you in celebrating his long and well-lived life!

Jerry, Teresa and Maggie - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM