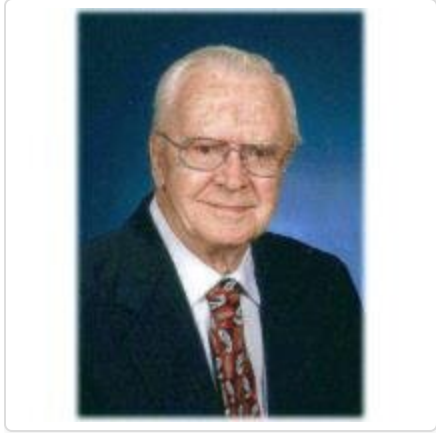




Ralph W Wise

January 4, 1923 - January 23, 2012

Ralph Wesley Wise, 89, Bismarck, passed away January 23, 2012, at the Baptist Home surrounded by his loving family. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 am Friday, January 27, at United Church of Christ, Bismarck, with Hospice Chaplin Camille Grothier and Rev. Dale Kent officiating. Burial will be at Sunset Memorial Gardens, Bismarck. Visitation is scheduled from 4:00 pm until 8:00 pm Wednesday, January 25, and 2:00 pm until 7:00 pm Thursday, January 26, at Eastgate Funeral Service, Bismarck. Visitation will continue one hour prior to the service at the church. A Remembrance Celebration Service will be held at 7:00 pm Thursday, January 26, at the Eastgate Funeral Service. Ralph was born January 4, 1923, in Liberty Township, Dawson, to Harley and Effie Mae Andrews Wise. He was raised and educated in the Dawson area, graduating in 1942. On December 10, 1944, he married Irene Gunsch in Dawson in a double wedding ceremony with his brother David Wise and Irene's sister Lydia Gunsch. He worked for the Fairmont Creamery Company where he earned his first check for 13 cents, which is mounted on a plaque and still hangs on the wall at his home. Later Ralph worked at the Occident Grain Elevator and then the Red Owl Grocery store, both in Dawson. In 1957 he moved to Bismarck, working for the Peavey Elevator as a bookkeeper until his retirement in 1982. He was a longtime member of the United Church of Christ, serving as a church deacon, usher, greeter, reader and other church activities as the spirit moved. Ralph enjoyed playing cards, solving puzzles, working in his yard, and building beds and toy boxes for his

grandchildren. He also collected pens from places he traveled. He collected and mounted several thousand different pens. Through his quiet, gentle nature, Ralph showed his wife unconditional love and taught his three children how to love unconditionally. He is survived by his wife, Irene, Bismarck; daughter, Judy Sonnenberg, Mandan; and twins, daughter, Karen John Enderle, Taylor, and son Keith Lynne Wise, Bismarck; one sister, Nona "Stoney" Kahler, Tuttle; six grandchildren, Terry Amanda Sonnenberg, Mandan; Tammy John Davis, Bismarck; Corey Andrea Enderle, Germantown Hills, IL; Nathan fiancé Brigitta Parsons, East Peoria, IL; Preston Amy Wise, Arlington, VA; Emily fiancé John Sundlie Wise, West Fargo, ND; and 10 great-grandchildren. Ralph was preceded in death by his parents Harley and Effie; three sisters, Dorothy, Delia and Florence; five brothers, Arthur, Edwin, David and infant twins; and one grandson, Kevin Enderle.

Tribute Wall

KW

“ We will greatly miss our friendly neighbor, Ralph. We are glad to have got to know him. Irene, you and your family are in our prayers during this time of sorrow. Ralph is now in the hands of the Lord and will be your daily angel. ~Josh, Katie, and Elliot Wangler

Katie Wangler - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

VK

“ You have our condolences. We remember the times we were at lunch together in Bismarck and the visits we had together with Laura. Ralph will be missed by all. God will help you get through this. Vernon and Marian Krein

Vernon & Marian Krein - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Irene I will keep you and your family in my prayers during this difficult time Ralph was a very gentle person and know he is in heaven watching over you Mary Schneider

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

LG

“ Dear Irene, Judy, Keith, Karen and Family, I am so very sorry to hear of the death of your loving husband and father. I had the privilege of knowing Ralph while spending high school days with Keith and Karen. We spent a lot of time together and it allowed me many special memories of your family. I see the word “gentle” used so often to describe Ralph, and yes, that is exactly how I remember him. My deepest sympathies go out to you. Ralph was a good man and will long be remembered in the hearts of many. Sincerely, Lenny Glatt

Lenny Glatt - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *Ralph was indeed a quiet and gentle man and a pleasure to work with at Peavey Co.*

Dorothy Berger - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ *Sorry to hear of your loss.*

LaVern Kuchynski - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ *I will miss you Grandpa*

Terry Sonnenberg - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CO

“ *Ralph's family: Ralph was a very warm and gentle man. He will be missed. You are in our prayers during this terrible time. Be strong and know that God is good. Love Loren and Cindy*

Cindy and Loren Ollenburger - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM