



Robert Bob Aberle

January 7, 1932 - August 26, 2013

Robert "Bob" Aberle, 81, Menoken, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family at Fairview Southdale Hospital in Minnesota, due to complications following heart surgery on August 26, 2013. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:30 am Friday, August 30, at Church of St. Anne, Bismarck, with Rev. Msgr. Thomas Richter celebrant and Rev. David Richter, Rev. Josh Walz and other priests concelebrants. Burial will be held at the North Dakota State Veteran Cemetery, Mandan. Visitation will be held from 4:00 pm – 9:00 pm Thursday, August 29, at Parkway Funeral Service, 2330 Tyler Parkway, Bismarck, where a vigil will begin at 7:00 pm. Bob was born January 7, 1932, in Zeeland, ND, the third of 15 children born to Sebastian and Helen Schmidt Aberle. He attended school in Zeeland until the family moved to Bismarck where he attended St. Mary's Grade and St. Mary's High School. On February 14, 1950, Bob joined the United States Marine Corps. Following training, he was a member of the Marines 1st Battalion which landed at the Inchon Peninsula at the start of the Korean War. He fought in the epic battle of the Chosin Reservoir which lasted 17 days in subzero temperatures. Bob's feet were frozen, and he suffered from this the rest of his life. While he was recuperating at Great Lakes Naval Training Center, north of Chicago, he met the love of his life, Janice Reichert. Next Bob went to school to serve our country as a drill instructor. He trained recruits at Paris Island, South Carolina, to become Marines. He finished his tour on February 13, 1954. Bob always said his years in the Marine Corps prepared him for the leadership roles in his

future career. He truly lived by the motto, "Once a Marine, Always a Marine." On July 3, 1954, Bob and Jan were married in Racine, WI. They moved to Bismarck where Bob started working as a lowboy driver for Northern Improvement and ended his career 42 years later as the Vice President of underground pipe, overhead power lines, and underground mine reclamation. At the time of his retirement he had overseen the installation of 11, 329 miles of water lines bringing fresh water to thousands of people in rural areas. Bob always had a love of the land, so in 1963 he purchased his first piece of equipment, rented some land, and began farming as a hobby. This hobby has grown tremendously and is now owned-operated by three of his sons. Bob was an avid hunter and fisherman. Many family memories were made during hunting, camping, and fishing trips. After his retirement, Bob and Jan traveled extensively in their motor home and enjoyed winters in Florida, Texas, and Arizona. During their travels they made wonderful friends throughout the country. Bob was a longtime member of St. Hildegard's Catholic Church in Menoken, where he served as trustee, member of the parish council, God Share co-chair, and Eucharistic minister. He was a member of the St. Mary's High School booster board and served as president for two terms. Bob also served as a board member of BACEF. He was a founder and president of the Roughrider Snowmobile Club. He was also a member of the Elks, VFW, American Legion, Knights of Columbus, Newmar Kountry Klub, and the NRA. Bob's utmost priority in life has always been his family. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather who taught us by example to love God, one another, and our country. Bob was a great family man who instilled in us all the importance of working hard, being the best you can be, and spending quality time with family. He thoroughly enjoyed attending his childrens' and grandchildrens' school and athletic events, and having his family and extended family in his presence was his greatest joy. Bob will be deeply missed and forever loved by his wife, Jan, of 59 years and their children, Barbara Paul Silbernagel, Robert Tamie Aberle, Ron Dawn Aberle, Ric Patti Aberle, Randy Pam Aberle, and Roger Kim Aberle; his

grandchildren, Kristi Lance Meyer, Becky Silbernagel, Alex Cech, Adam, Marie, Gabe, Brooke, Megan, Matt, Jessica, Jonathan, Thomas and Zachary Aberle; and two great-grandsons, Maxtyn and Mason Meyer. He is also survived by seven brothers, Joe Lillian, Mike Marilyn, Ray Marge, Dave Mary Lou, Richard Claudia, Pat Marilyn, and Nich Shirley; five sisters, Virginia Kampa, Mary Lou Chastain, Zerline Don Goebel, Marge Ray Esty, and Helen Jay Marshall; his in-laws, Harriet Aberle, Donna Em Wenzel, and Ronald Nancy Reichert; and special friends, Art and Carol Schmitz. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, James; sister, Elizabeth Peterson; and mother-in-law, Lollie Reichert. Semper Fi Dad. We love you. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Mary's Central High School for the Bob and Jan Aberle family scholarship.

Tribute Wall

SA

“ *Sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you*

Sean and Lori agnew - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ *I will miss sharing farm experiences with Bob. Will fondly remember our RV & fishing adventures. Carol & I express our sincere sympathy to Jan & the family. Tom & Carol Conerty*

Tom Conerty - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *Dear Jan and family, So sorry about Robert's death. You are a wonderful family and I am happy to know you. The good St Anne's days brought us together. I loved being your teacher. You are a family of smiles and great personalities. Jan and Bob you did well. Sorry I couldn't attend the funeral but definitely send my love and prayers. Sister Ivo Schoch*

Sister Ivo Schoch - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ *Ric and Ron, My sincere condolences to you. Your Dad was a great guy here and I promise you he will be even a greater guy where he is going !! Keep the Faith boys. My thoughts are with you.*

Tom Stebner - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *Bob and family Darla & have have you in our prayers. I was priviedged to visit with Bob at the Victor Richter farm Mass recently God Bless this wonderful family Jim & Darla Hauer*

Jim & Darla Hauer - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ Ron, Randy and Roger: My deepest sympathies to all of your family on the loss of your Dad. I remeber so many times when he would come into pick things up at the fertilizer plant during spring planting and all of the conversations I had with him, you always knew when Bob was in the room. No doubt he left this world very satisfied and proud of what you all have manage to build together. Thoughts and prayers with all of you.

Larry Lunder - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Ron, Randy, and Roger: So sorry to hear of the loss of your Dad. I know you will miss him, but he will be remembered fondly by many. He was one of a kind. Since moving I have thought of you and him often.

Dan Saunders - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ Dear Jan, Barb and families,My deepest and prayerful sympathy to you all. I trust that Bob knows now the blessings of eternal joy and peace! He is the faithful and trusted servant who loved his family and life and all of God's creation. May you find comfort in the loving support of relatives and friends. God love you. Sincerely, Sister Susan Lardy

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

MK

“ So sorry to hear about your Father Barb...my prayers go out to you and your family.

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

SF

“ So sorry for your loss. Our prayers and thoughts are with all of you.
Sheryl and Carson

Sheryl and Carson Fleck - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Patti, Ric, Megan and Matt....Our thoughts, prayers and hugs are sent your way and also to your entire family.I know this is a difficult time and cherish the memories you have. I wish we could be there tomorrow, but can't get home till Saturday as originally planned. Hope to see you this weekend, but thinking of you. I will remember Matt's hunting stories with his grandpa forever, especially the deer.

Louise and Mike Mandt - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ RIP God Speed

Kit & Fay Henegar - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ Roger, Kim and family, , ...always hard to lose a parent. So sorry for your loss. Sounds like your Dad was a very active, motivated and involved person. He certainly left you a how to menu as to how to live your life. Must be proud to call him DAD.

Tom Marsden, Pat and Katie - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LE

“ Linda and I would like to express our most sincere sympathy at this difficult time to the entire Aberle Family. Our thoughts and prayers will be with all of you. May Bob rest in peace.

Larry and Linda Ell - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Our times with Jan and Bob were memorable. Bob was a generous, fun-loving person. Our best to Jan and her family during this time.
Jan and Dave Klein

Jan Klein - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ Our hearts and prayers go out to Janice and the kids. We're so sorry we won't be able to be there. He was a wonderful brother and we'll miss him.

Margie Aberle& Ray Esty - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ So sorry to hear the news about Bob. I considered him a true friend. Only regret is I wish we could have spent more time traveling together. Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with the family.

Steve Alexander - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ I send my love and prayers. My sister's and brother and I always had fun at your family weddings...we loved to dance with the Aberle's. I am so sad for your loss. May you find peace and comfort in knowing he is at peace now and left happy memories for many. God's Blessings to each of you. Jolene.

Jolene Silbernagel - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM