



Robert B Grorud

October 21, 1921 - December 11, 2010

Robert "Bob" Bredo Grorud, 89, Bismarck, passed away in his home on December 11, 2010. Services will be held at 10:30 am Thursday, December 16, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Bismarck, with Rev. Steve Sathre officiating. Burial will be held at 1:00 pm at the North Dakota Veteran's Cemetery, Mandan. Visitation will be held from 2:00 pm until 8:00 pm Wednesday at Eastgate Funeral Service, Bismarck, where a prayer service will begin at 8:00 pm. Visitation will continue one hour prior to the service at the church. Bob was born in Scoby, MT, on October 21, 1921, to Bredo and Nellie Doken Grorud. His family moved to Rugby, ND, where he was raised. He played high school basketball and won a state championship, quarterbacked the football team and played golf, winning two city titles and shooting a hole in one. Bob attended NDSU for three years, joining the Theta Chi fraternity before entering the US Air Force in June 1942. He attained the rank of First Lieutenant and served in France during WWII. After his honorable discharge in April 1946, he returned to NDSU. Bob graduated in May 1947, with a chemistry major. He worked as a chemist at a plastics plant in Pittsburg, PA, for two years, then moved to Bismarck. He married Mary Jane Craig on November 23, 1952. He worked as a chemist at the ND State Lab until his retirement. He had a distinguished career, discovering pioneering research in liquid chromatography. He was invited to and attended the annual chemistry convention AOAC in Washington DC, to present his scientific discoveries. This work gained him international recognition and letters. Golfing remained a

passion and he continued playing until 86 years old. He rode bike and enjoyed walking regularly especially in the company of his daughter's dogs. He was an active member of Trinity Lutheran Church and also a member of the American Legion and Sons of Norway. Bob was a devoted husband and father. He was a creative, fun, energetic, patient and kind grandpa and great grandpa, continuing to play with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren until the end of his life. Josiah was his special pal. Bob found peace and strength in our Lord Jesus, which brings his family comfort and joy. He was a humble, generous gentleman and will continue to be an inspiration. Bob is survived by his wife, Mary Jane, Bismarck; his sons, Craig Diane, Maple Grove, MN, Scott Karen, Spokane, WA; his daughters, Jane Seth Peterson, Bismarck, Kristin John Olson, Bismarck; his grandchildren, Joani Ryan, Scott Robin, Kari Justin, Daniel , Josiah, Brede Angela, Sarah Richard Christy, Katie, Emma, Kristin, Anders, Lars; great-grandchildren, Isaiah, Madison, Kaylee, Brayden, Isabella, Jacoby, Emma, Lilly, Audrina, Aleah, Olivia; sisters, Esther McClintock and Betty Jacobson, Rugby. Bob was preceded in death by his parents, Bredo and Nellie.

Tribute Wall

AR

“ I was deeply saddened with the news of Bob's passing. I had the privilege of working with Bob for many years at the State Lab. Bob was a talented chemist, a dedicated public servant and good friend.

Aaron Rash - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Mary Jane & Family, I was so sorry to hear about Bob, it has been a long time since I have been in contact with you. Monies Haas Bechtle

Monies Haas Bechtle - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ To Jane and your family: Our condolences. Julius ushered for a number of years with your father and thought very highly of him. We do not think there could be a more loving and worthy tribute to him than to have a daughter like you. We are thinking of you and your family. Julius and Patricia

Julius and Patricia Lorz - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Dear Mary Jane and Family; Our deepest sympathy! A call from Irene's sister alerted us this evening 12/13 to Bob's passing. Our memories are quite ancient, as far back as high school. I am Betty's classmate, Irene is Esther's. Many memories are from Metigoshe. The storm and late late discovery prevent us from attending. We are very sorry. Duane and Irene Baillie

Duane & Irene Baillie - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ Dearest Kris & Family, My deepest sympathy in your loss. Know that you are in my thoughts & prayers...always.

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

DC

“ Blessings to the Grorud Family. Mary Jane and Bob always had the doors open for anyone who came over and I thank you so much for the love you and Bob showed to my husband, myself and my children. Bob will be missed but we are so thankful we knew Bob. Mary Jane, Kristin, Jane, and Kari your faith is strong and thanks for showing your love in Jesus to others. Sister in Christ! donna

Donna Connor - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ I have lived across the street from Mary Jane and Bob most of my life. My kids were the same age as Kristin's. I thought it was odd to see Bob sitting in his car in the afternoon eating a sandwich, until I went over to the house to collect my children and once I was in the house and heard all the children running and laughing thru the house cuz you could always do what you wanted at grandma and grandpa's house! understood that the only quiet time Bob was going to get was in his car. Very wise man! Also, it was not unusual to hear children screaming in their front yard and look out and see Bob chasing the children with a broom! The kids loved him! Or, when they were packing for a trip somewhere you would see all the suitcases out on the driveway and here was Bob with a tape measure, he would measure the trunk and then the suitcases! Everything had to fit just right. We will miss Bob in the neighborhood!

Kathy Fleck - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Bob truly did love and was loved by his family, I know you will all miss him deeply. Sandy Graff

Sandy Graff - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Please know we are thinking of you all during this time of sadness. Many prayers will be said, and the love of your family and many friends will guide you through this difficult time. Let us know if we can help in any way, and may God's blessings be with all of you. Bob and Jan Bury

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

NL

“ Mary Jane and family, You have our deepest sympathy. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Noel and Marla Laxdal - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ Our sympathies in Bob's passing, and yet joy in his faith in the Lord Jesus with whom he will be spending Christmas this year. May you continue to receive peace and comfort in this knowledge. God bless all of you.

Steve and Linda Aafedt - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ Cal and I have wonderful memories of Bob when he was biking around town and when we would be driving home from work and would see him on the golf course... We hope we can do those things when we get to his age. We are happy to have known Bob, we know you will miss him... Our prayers are with you all...

Cal & Carla Bender - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ We are all going to miss seeing him walking with the dogs around the dog park. He would walk the outside area of the park and occasionally stop and visit.

Linda Kringstad and dog park friends - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ My prayers and thoughts are to the Grorud family. Dad told me that Bob and him would meet at a local cafe for breakfast or a cup of coffee. Memories like that will be always cherished. Deborah

Deborah Carman - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you, the Grorud family. Give Mary Jane a hug from me. Donna

Donna Glader - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DN

“ My deepest sympathy to the Grorud family. I knew Jane the best and she always talked about her close knit family. I am so deeply sorry for your loss. God Bless Debbie and Joe Ness

Debbie Ness - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Kris and family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you. May your memories of your dad sustain you in the days to come.

Beverly and Bob McCay - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM