



Roland Bateman

February 5, 1925 - January 5, 2014

Roland Silver Bateman died on Sunday afternoon, January 5, 2014, in a Bismarck Hospital. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 am Friday, January 10, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Bismarck, Rev. Craig Schweitzer. Burial services will be held at a later date in Park River, ND. Roland was born in rural Adams, ND, on the kitchen table of his parent's home on February 5, 1925. His parents are the late Myron and Edith Bateman. He was the second of two children. His parents moved to Park River, ND, where Roland went to school, and graduated from the Walsh County Agricultural and training school. He joined the Army Air Corp when he was 18 years old and spent most of his time during World War II in the South Pacific flying transport planes for the military dignitaries as well as the B-28. He was appointed Second Lieutenant, Air Corps and the Army of the United States on the 27th of August 1946. Roland was honorably discharged from the United States Air Force in March, 1961. Following his service in World War II, he went back to North Dakota, where he met his bride to be, Marion Joan Linfoot, while attending the University of North Dakota. They were married in Grand Forks in the Linfoot family home on August 29, 1947. They moved to an apartment in Chicago where Roland attended Northwestern University and ultimately graduated from the School of Business with a degree in business. They moved back to Park River, ND, in 1950 where he began working with his father at Bateman Motors and selling Ford, Mercury, and Lincoln and also Ford trucks and tractors. Roland loved his work, but was also

involved in various community groups, the Park River Commercial Club, hospital fund raising and the fire department. He was also a life-long member of the Federated Church in Park River. Roland enjoyed taking his children out sledding and tobogganing—great hills at the Park River Golf Course. We had many great family get-togethers at the home of his parents, Myron and Edith Bateman and his Sister Ada Lou Colwell and her family. Fond memories were made there on the 4th of July, and at Christmas time, he loved indulging in his favorite Norwegian meal that of lefse and lutafisk. Roland's first wife, Marion, passed away November 12, 1988. He married Naomi Scheet, December of 1995. They lived in Palm Desert, California for 19 years. Naomi and Roland have lived in Bismarck since the fall of 2007. Roland is survived by his wife, Naomi; his six children, Joan Homer Reynolds, Arlington, TX; David Sharon Bateman, Stowe, Vermont; Rick Bateman, Anaheim Hills, California; Barbara Bateman, Yucca Valley, California; Sally Tim Ostenrude, Hoople, ND; and Michael LaDonna Bateman, Minneapolis, MN. He has ten grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; Naomi's children, Wallen Cathy Franklund, Northfield, MN, Janet Filibeck, Glen Ullin, ND, and Roger Carrie Franklund, Columbia Falls, MT; and several nieces and nephews. Roland was preceded death by his first wife, Marion; parents, Myron and Edith Bateman; and sister, Ada Lou Colwell.

Tribute Wall

RM

“ To all the Batemans, memories rush back to all the times I spent "hanging"/playing with Dave through my youth. Definitely the best of times for sure. Likewise the ultimate hosts, Mr Roland and Mrs Marion Bateman, whenever I was at the house. We're talking the mid to late 60's now. Also to the brothers and sisters, some older some younger than Dave and me, who were gracious hosts as well, other than if Dave and I drove any of them "nuts" while we flew through the house, not always, but sometimes purposely interrupting their space or activities!! And my first car, 1961 Thunderbird, oh yes what a dream car it was. Remembering sitting in Roland's office as he listened to a novice first time car buyer in 1972 ask how new the brakes and tires were, and him having Tony Novak virtually look over the whole car. When Tony had reported back, Roland told me he'd put on new tires, brake shoes, change the oil,...can't remember what else. Then I, fearing the price had just jumped several hundred dollars, watched as Roland sat silent for a few seconds..supposedly totaling everything up and finally repeating THE SAME PRICE before that was all done. His nature always expressed generosity, most certainly through all the community endeavors he threw his hat into. To Naomi and your family, It's obvious from the comments they have shared on this site that you all knew his wonderful spirit and were able to share in it for a good number of years Best wishes to all of you in your loss but knowing his memory will always be available to lift you up

Rolf Moan - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Naomi, Our heartfelt sympathies go out to you at this time. What a blessing that you and dad had 19 years together; though the past 8 or so have been difficult because of failing health; the two of you had each other to get through the good, as well as the tough times. I know you have wonderful memories of your time together and those of dancing, travel, parties, special family events on both sides and those with your California Church family. We will always have fond memories of our times spent in that very special place on Calypso Dr. in Palm Desert; sometimes just visiting, or maybe celebrating a birthday, or Christmas. Whatever the occasion it was a special place to come and stay. Praying that our Lord, who loves you so dearly, will speak blessings and comfort to your heart in the coming days. Love from Homer and Joan Reynolds

Joan and Homer Reynolds - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ We are thinking of you at this sad time. We have many fond memories of both Roland and Dona. You are all in our prayers. Bryan and Bev Schulke

Bryan and Bev Schulke - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ Joan, Dave, Rick, Barb, Sally, Mike and families. Our deepest sympathy to all of you in the loss of your dad, our uncle. We are all so fortunate to have such fond memories of all the wonderful family times growing up, and will cherish those times forever. We send our love, prayers and hugs to all of you! Love, Duane and Laurie

Laurie Linfoot Brown - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BP

“Joan, Dave, Rick, Barb, Sally and Mike: Our heartfelt sympathies to all my cousins at this sad time. Celebrate his life and now his joining your Mom once again. So many fun memories of all of us growing up. Those fond memories help during this tough time Love, Brad & Janice

Brad and Janice Pratt - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“We extend our sincere sympathy to the Bateman family on the loss of their loved one. We always enjoyed our visits with him. He was always very courteous and understanding. He now joins his wife Marion in the wonderful everlasting comfort and peace of our loving Heavenly Father. Ervin & Evelyn Miller Fargo, ND

Ervin & Evelyn Miller - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM