



Roland Grenz

September 2, 1918 - September 25, 2008

Roland Grenz, 90, died September 25, 2008, at the Benedictine Living Center in Garrison. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday at 2:30 PM at Bismarck Baptist Church in Bismarck with Pastor Merle Hoots officiating. Burial will be at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Bismarck. Visitation will be Monday from 2:00 – 9:00 PM at Eastgate Funeral Service, 2302 E. Divide Avenue, Bismarck, with a prayer service at 7:00 PM. Visitation will continue one hour prior to service at the church. Roland was born on September 2, 1918, on a farm near Burnstad, ND, the son of Fred Grenz, Sr. and Christina Schnaidt Grenz. He attended grade school at Napoleon Public School. Roland was converted under the ministry of Rev. Albert Itterman, in Napoleon, ND, when he was 14 years old. He was baptized in Round Lake near Ashley, ND, and became a member of Napoleon Baptist Church. Roland was a farm laborer on the family farm until he was inducted into the Army during World War II in May of 1941 at Fort Snelling, MN, at the age of 22. He received the following medals and awards: Good Conduct Medal, American Defense Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with two bronze stars, and the Purple Heart Medal. Roland and Irene were married in the Baptist parsonage in Napoleon by Rev. Edward Kary on December 10, 1944. Together they raised one daughter, Brenda. Roland's career was that of a farmer, soldier, postal worker, realtor, and builder. He was a member of the American Legion, a lifetime member of Disabled American Veterans DAV, Elks Club, Lions Club, and the Bismarck Baptist Church. Roland had a number of hobbies. Before he was

drafted into the Army, he loved to play horseshoe. After the war, Roland played golf, took up bowling, and continued to play pool. Roland is survived by his daughter, Brenda Bryan Njos; his grandchildren, Kayla and Austin Grewatz and Cody and Bryttni Njos; and nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his wife, Irene; his parents; his sister, Lydia; and his brothers, John, Adam, Fred, Edwin, Ernest, Gideon, and Jacob.

Tribute Wall

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“ I would like to express my condolences to your family. I have not seen Uncle Rollie for many years but always thought he was a regular guy who was fun to be around when I lived in ND. I am the daughter of his only sister in case you don't know who I am since we have not been in touch for many years. God bless you all.

Maxine Perkins - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM