



Roy Walter Dockter

October 26, 1924 - January 21, 2012

Roy Dockter, 87, Bismarck, died of lung cancer January 21, 2012, at home surrounded by his family. Services will be held 10:00 am Wednesday, January 25, at Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 1143 N 26th Street, Bismarck, with Rev. Larry Giese officiating. Interment will be at the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery, Mandan. Visitation will be held from 10:00 am until 9:00 pm Tuesday, January 24, 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. Roy Walter Dockter was born October 26, 1924 at home northwest of Goodrich to Jacob J. E. Dockter and Martha née Dockter. He was baptized in the Lutheran faith at St. James Lutheran Church, rural Goodrich, and confirmed at Zion Lutheran Church, Denhoff. He graduated from Denhoff High School in 1942. He taught rural school while working with his father on the family farm until he was drafted into the U. S. Army in 1944. He served the majority of his military duty with the Army of Occupation in Japan, returning home in 1946, whereupon he continued teaching school and farming with his father. He married Pearl Bonnet July 25, 1947, at the Lutheran Parsonage in Goodrich. They moved to Goodrich in 1948 when he began his United States Postal Service career as a temporary clerk at the Goodrich Post Office. In 1955, he was appointed to the position of Goodrich rural mail carrier, a position he held until retirement in 1980. During that period, he also was active in many other fields such as bartender, hired farm hand, textone/sheet rock finisher, farmer, auction clerk, and income tax

preparer. Upon his USPS retirement, he began an active banking career until that retirement in 1989. In 1998, they moved from Goodrich to Bismarck. Always a "joiner" and "doer", he was active in his church, community, and other professional, service, and fraternal organizations. In 1985 he was awarded the ND Letter Carrier of the Year by the National Rural Letter Carriers Association, and in 1997 the Melvin Jones Fellowship award by the Lions Club International. Many other accolades and awards were presented to him, including 40-year Goodrich Ambulance, 45-year Goodrich Fire Department, and 65-year Goodrich Legion. He was always ready for a friendly game of cards with his wife, children, grandchildren, friends and family. He is survived by his wife, Pearl Dockter, Bismarck; two sons, Greg Jackie Dockter Bismarck, and Bryon Jane Dockter, Prior Lake MN; two grandsons, Jake Kristi Dockter, Traverse City, MI; and Benjamin Dockter significant other Christen Harder, Eagan, MN; three granddaughters, Michelle Bill Vitt, St. Paul MN; Christine Christopher Anderson, Richfield, MN; and Cindy Dockter special friend Leila Gaoiran, Portland, OR; three great-grandchildren, Theresa Vitt, Catherine Vitt, Evan Dockter. He is also survived by one brother, Duane Lois Dockter, Great Falls, MT; two sisters, Marion Burck, Hettinger; and Betty Arlin Bartels, Lemmon SD; one brother-in-law, Wallace Bolte special friend Leah Berg, Bismarck; and many nieces, nephews, and friends. He was preceded in death by one daughter-in-law, Margo Dockter; two brothers and their wives, Clifford and Louise Dockter, and Theodore and Norma Dockter; two brothers-in-law, Bill Burck and Wally Schacher; one sister-in-law, Darlene Schacher-Bolte; and one great-grandson, Barrett Dockter.

Tribute Wall

DL

“*Pearl and family, Just wanted you to know we are thinking of all of you. Roy was such a great man and was a pleasure to everyone he met. You were lucky he was a part of you!! DJ & LouRae*

DJ & LouRae - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

WR

“*Dear Pearl, Bryon, Greg, and Family: We wish to extend our heartfelt condolences to you at this difficult time. We first got to know you and Roy through our mutual VFW affiliation. It did not take us very long to realize that Roy was a very "special" person! His friendly smile, sense of humor, dedication to 'duty' and deep Christian faith, made him a very unique person. It has been our privilege and pleasure, to know and work with you and Roy. It is our prayer that God grant you PEACE. In Christian Love, Walter and Bernice.*

Walter H and Bernice Rehling - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BW

“*Roy was a wonderful man and a dedicated veteran! He will be greatly missed.*

Bob Wefald - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CR

“*So So Sorry to hear about your Father's passing....He was such a sweetheart and so good looking! He will be dearly missed. Connie Rudnick and Ruth Ammon*

Connie Rudnick - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

VE

“ Pearl and family, I am so sorry to hear of Roy's death. He was always so friendly and nice to us "kids". Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Vonda Felchle Evelo - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ Pearl and Family, I was deeply saddened to hear of Roy's passing! He was probablty the kindest and most caring person that I know!! He always had time to chat and always had a smile! May our Lord and Savior be with you in this time of Loss! Roy will now be smiling at all of us. God Bless, Dennis L. Vernon

Dennis L.Vernon - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ I will miss talking to Roy about his time as a mail carrier and banker. He was a great friend and one of the best bosses there could be. I learned things from him that will stay with me for all my life. Pearl, my thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family.

Butch Dennis VFW Gaming - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you Pearl and all your family. Roy was a wonderful man that will be missed by all who knew him. Please take care and God Bless.

Deb Germain Bitz - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EK

“ We are so sorry to learn of your great loss. Please know that we are remembering you and all the family in our prayers. We meet Roy and Pearl at a Christmas party and remember having such a wonderful visit with them.

Edward Koegler - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Bryon and family, I only had the good fortune to meet and talk with Roy on one occassion--a milestone birthday party for Bryon. During that visit and in reading this obituary it is easy to see where Bryon gets many of his good qualities. Losing a family member is not easy and I am so glad that all of you were able to be there and enjoy special time together. Now my thoughts and prayers continue with you as move forward over the next day and year. Take care,

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

JZ

“ Roy was a true gentleman in every sense of the word. Compassionate, understanding, and a true friend to all those that were fortunate to know him.

Jerry Zillier - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Dear Pearl and family- my heartfelt condolences to you at this time of loss. During my years in Goodrich, Roy was such an integral part of the community. Not having a phone, the mail became our weekday link to life off the farm, and oh, how I would wait for him to bring me my books from the State Library in summer as well as postcards from my friends. Later he was always so helpful in the bank. With a smile on his face, he was always active and interactive in the community and will truly be missed by many.

Marlys Barreth Haws - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

HH

“ Dear Pearl & Family: It's unbearable to lose a loved one but may it comfort you to know that our hearts are hurting with you. But our memory of our many years to-gether will always be with us. May God Bless You All. Harold & Laura Hepper

Harold & Laura Hepper - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ Pearl, Greg and Bryon: My deepest sympathy to you at the loss of Roy, a dearly loved husband and father and life-long friend to our family. I know you will miss him terribly but hope and pray that the wonderful memories you have will sustain you during this difficult time.

Kathy Miller Pepski - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ Sincere sympathy to you Pearl and all your family.

Chris Lind - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GZ

“ Pearl & family, Roy is one of my favorite cousins, he was a very special person & will be greatly missed my sympathy to you the family.

Gladys Zerr - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RE

“ Always a friend and fellow Mail Carrier Rest in Peace. Always a friend when ever we met. Thanks and GOD Bless you all. Roland and Adeline Essig

Roland Essig - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DZ

“ Pearl and Family; I am heartbroken and at loss with any comforting words but I hold on to the "wonderful" memories of those great times we spent together with Pearl and Roy and my parents. Roy was truly a wonderful person that I admired and loved but will never be forgotten. He always gave from his heart; was true to himself and to those around him. May God bless and hold dear his loving family.

Debra and Fred Zeeb - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RJ

“ Our most special condolences.

Roger & Sharon Jenrich - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Roy was such a wonderful person. He always had a smile on his face when we'd see him in church. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Pearl and family. May you find peace during this difficult time.

Lauren and Tammie Sauer - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ Mrs. Dockter and family- I am so sorry for your loss. I was born in Goodrich, therefore Roy seemed to feel a kinship with me. He was always so friendly, not only to me but to all the people at the VFW. I hope he did not suffer any lengthy illness. He will be greatly missed.

Carol J Baillie - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ Dear Pearl, Roy and you have been in our thoughts and prayers for the last several months. I have so enjoyed visiting with Roy since you joined Lord Of Life. I will truly miss his smiling face each Sunday morning. It was so evident that you and Roy were deeply in love and had a great deal of respect for each other. It is always sad to see a great team come to an end. Our prayer for you and your family is that your strong memories, love and faith in God will sustain you now and in the weeks and years to come. Our love, Larry and Nancy Kleingartner

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

CE

“ On behalf of the Bismarck VFW Post 1326, I send you our sincere condolences for your loss. Take comfort in knowing that Roy, our Comrade, shares a special place in heaven with the Peacemakers. It is the War Veteran who answered the call of his Countrymen, fighting for peace and for the greater good. As an Officer of our Post he brought great happiness to us all. His level of loyalty and dedication can not be duplicated. For without his works the Post would not have accomplished the Mission supporting Veterans and Community Service. Thank you, for sharing Comrade Roy with us. He shall be missed, but not forgotten. God bless the Family of Roy Dockter. God bless America. Chris Ebertz Commander VFW Post 1326 Bismarck

Chris Ebertz - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Sending our deepest sympathy to you and you family. Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers! Prayers from your Immanuel family too.

Jene and Dick Laehn - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM