



Thomas Kelley

October 16, 1935 - November 21, 2009

Thomas F. Kelley, 74, Bismarck, died November 21, 2009, at a Bismarck care center. A memorial service will be held on Monday, November 30, 2009, at 11:00 am at Church of St. Anne in Bismarck with Rev. Thomas Kramer and Rev. Ed Wehner officiating. Burial will be at the North Dakota Veteran's Cemetery, Bismarck. Thomas was born on October 16, 1935, in Bismarck, ND, the son of Clement and Teresa Hager Kelley. He was raised in Bismarck and graduated from St. Mary's High School in 1953. He then attended St. Mary's College in Winona, MN. He enlisted in the US Navy on February 14, 1956, and was trained at various schools in radar and leadership. His position held in the Navy was an operations technician. Thomas retired from his Navy career on June 30, 1980 as a warrant officer. He then made his home in San Diego, CA, where he could enjoy the year-round warm weather playing golf. Thomas married Ruth Schreiner Ensign on February 20, 2006, in Bismarck. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus. He enjoyed participating in competitive sports in his younger days and was an avid sports fan as he grew older. Thomas is survived by his wife Ruth of Bismarck; two brothers, Charles Diane of Grand Forks, ND, and Robert Mary Ann of Bismarck; three sisters, Mary Beaudry of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Helen Don Mohs Coupeville, WA, and Cathy Ron Sandness of Moorhead, MN; and twenty nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents. Memorials may be given to the St. Mary's Central Alumni Scholarship Fund or to a charity of the donor's choice.