



Walter Coad

December 9, 1911 - January 12, 2005

Walter Frederick Coad, 93, Bismarck, died peacefully at home on January 12, 2005. Services will be held at 10:30 AM Saturday at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Bismarck, with the Rev. Thomas E. Kramer officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery. Visitation will be from 7:00 to 9:00 PM Friday at Boelter-Eastgate Funeral Service and one hour prior to the service at the church.

Walter was born on December 9, 1911, in Pullman, Washington, the son of Sanford and Mary McDonald Coad. His family moved to Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, then later to Minot, North Dakota. At the age of 15, Walter met his future wife, Vera Makens. It was the beginning of a love story that would result in a 62-year marriage. Monsignor Feehan married Walter and Vera at St. Mary's Church in Bismarck in 1935. They lived in Bismarck where they raised their five children in a small house on West Boulevard. Walter retired from the Bismarck Tribune after 30 years as a printer. He was loved by all who knew him, a kind gentle soul with a great sense of humor who always made his children and grandchildren feel calm and safe in his lap. He was an example to his family of what a man, husband, and father should be. He was strong in mind and body to the end. Walter loved daily crossword puzzles, could answer any question about world events from any time frame, and enjoyed watching sports and spending time with his family. Walter is survived by four daughters, Diane Ernie Poole of St. Albert, Canada, Mary Patrick Dirk of Newport Beach, California, Susie Flagg of Eden Prairie, Minnesota, and Kathy Pat Brown of Bismarck; one son, Robert Rachelle Coad of Bismarck; eleven grandchildren;

eighteen great-grandchildren; and one sister, Winne Bayes of Olympia Washington. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Vera in 1999; four sisters; and one brother.

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“ *Walter Coad*

George Murphy - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Terry and I were saddened to hear your Dad passed away. He was a very special, loving, caring man and we will miss him. We always looked forward to seeing him when we visited Bismarck. Our deepest sympathy to all of you. Love, Terry & Ginny Mincey*

Ginny & Terry Mincey - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Walter aka Mr. Coad lives in my memory as a kind and loving presence. I remember being in grade school and going into the Bismark Tribune printing press room with Kathy - it was so exciting and Mr. Coad was so patient with us! I remember his beautiful garden and how sweet he was to Vera. He had a life well lived. Kathy, I am holding you in my thoughts and prayers. Love Grace*

Grace E Griffin - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM