



Walter Wirta

August 19, 1927 - August 22, 2012

Walter Wirta, 85, died August 22, 2012, at Prairieview Nursing Home in Underwood, ND. Funeral services will be held on Monday at 2:00 PM at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Wing with Rev. Trish DeBoer officiating. Burial will be at Ahola Cemetery. Visitation will be Sunday from 5:00 - 7:00 PM at Eastgate Funeral Service, Bismarck, ND and will continue on Monday one hour prior to the service at the church. Walter was born August 19, 1927, on the farm near Wing, ND, to Kalle "Charlie" and Helmi Lehto Wirta. From 1937 - 1945, the family lived in Cedar Valley Township, MN, where Walter graduated from the 8th grade. When his family moved back to the farm, Walter worked briefly on an iron ore carrier out of Duluth, MN. He later returned to the family farm where he spent his life. Walter enjoyed shooting and hunting, playing cards, especially pinochle and poker. He participated in poker tournaments in North Dakota and Las Vegas. Walter spent winters in Nevada for many years. Walter is survived by his brother, Oscar; his nieces and nephew, Verna Norgren, Carol Jean Palin Joseph Ravitts, Pearl Palin, and Perry Palin; and many other family members. Walter was preceded in death by his sisters, Lempi and Wilma. Memorials may be sent to Ahola Cemetery, 338 N. 31st Street #27, Bismarck, ND 58501.