



Willi Winger

March 27, 1921 - April 11, 2014

Willi Winger, 93, Bismarck, died April 11, 2014, at Missouri Slope Lutheran Care Center, Bismarck. Services will be held at 12:00 Noon Wednesday, April 16, 2014, at Faith Lutheran Church, 1402 East Avenue C, Bismarck, with Rev. Wes Aardahl and Rev. Jon Splichal-Larson officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Memorial Gardens, Bismarck. Visitation will be held from 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm Tuesday, April 15, at Parkway Funeral Service, 2330 Tyler Parkway, Bismarck, where a prayer service will begin at 7:00 pm, with Rev. Rebecca Aardahl officiating. Visitation will continue one hour prior to the service at the church. Willi was born on March 27, 1921, in Sarata, Bessarabia, the son of Johannes and Anna Winger. He was raised and attended schools in Bessarabia. As a young man, he was drafted into the German Army and served as an interpreter. The war left a lasting impression on Willi; he abhorred violence in any form. Willi married the love of his life, Lilly Mayer, on January 6, 1944, in Bergstadt, Poland. They immigrated to the United States in 1952 and through a church sponsorship by Lilly's cousin, were able to settle in Bismarck. One of Willi's proudest moments was becoming a naturalized citizen of America in 1957. Having learned the trade in Europe, Willi began working with Otto Stude's Cabinet Shop, before beginning his own custom cabinet making business in 1959. Willi loved his work; and after a career of 30 years building quality cabinets, he retired. Willi continued managing his apartment buildings and he and Lilly enjoyed traveling extensively throughout the world. They wintered in Hawaii, visited family in Germany, and toured the Holy Land,

among other locales. His faith in God and love for his family were the cornerstones of his life. Willi was a member of the Elks and Eagles Clubs, where he could dance with his sweetheart, Lilly. They were long-time members and worshipers at Faith Lutheran Church, where they made many friends. Willi is survived by his wife of 70 years, Lilly, Bismarck; his sons, Sieg Frances, Las Vegas, NV, and Ed Adrien, Lakewood, CO; his daughters, Edie Jon Green, Grand Forks, ND, and Ruth John Ulness, Bismarck, ND; eight grandchildren, Jodi and Dawn, Justin and Derek, Christopher and Brenton, Nate and Willi; four great-grandchildren, Jacob, Devon, Maia, and Lily; one brother, Alfred Winger, Germany; and one sister, Alma Rieck, Germany. He was preceded in death by his parents; four sisters; and two brothers. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Faith Lutheran Church in Bismarck, or Missouri Slope Lutheran Care Center in Bismarck.

Tribute Wall

ML

“ *Edie, I'm so sorry to hear about your Dad's passing. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Marla Laxdal - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ *Dear Winger Family, I am so sorry for your loss. Oh, the memories I have of Willy, and two of them stick out the most. 1 His good ol' German accent. 2 Smell, The good smell of wood shavings. I don't know why but everytime I would stop in and visit over the years that smell of wood shavings was about him. What a good craft he had to help others build those cabinets. Know that you are all in my prayers. God Bless you. May the Peace of Christ be with all of you.*

Terry Glatt - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ *Dear Winger Family, When we built our handicapped accessible home in Wishek in 1983 - Willi was the custom cabinet builder. While we were planning his work - he drew up the plans on a piece of cardboard back of tablet . All fit when the pieces were delivered and installed! What an artisan! Noted that his birthplace was in Serata, Bessarabia - visited there including the Lutheran Church when I made a trip to the Ukraine two years ago. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.*

Marlys Nickisch - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ *Thinking of you, Edie, and sending love and prayers to you and your entire family! If you need anything, please let me know. Warmly,
Tracy Tollefson*

Tracy Tollefson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ Dear Sieg, sorry to hear about the passing of your father. You were my social studies teacher at BHS. I graduated in 1973 along with your sister Edith. I wish you well.

Michael A. Wilcken - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM