



William Bianco

October 18, 1929 - February 27, 2004

William F. "Bill" Bianco, 74, Bismarck, died February 27, 2004, at a Bismarck hospital. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday at 12:30 PM at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit in Bismarck with the Rev. Thomas E. Kramer officiating. Burial will be at the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery. Visitation will be from 9 am. until 5 pm. Tuesday at Eastgate Funeral Service. Vigil services will be held at 7:00 pm. Tuesday at The Cathedral of the Holy Spirit. Bill was born on October 18, 1929, in Duluth, Minnesota, the son of Dr. Anthony J. and Amy Walsh Bianco. He was raised in Duluth and received his degree in Business Administration in 1951 from the University of Minnesota - Duluth Branch. He attended graduate school at Tulane University in New Orleans, Louisiana. Bill served two years in the U.S. Navy at Pensacola, Florida, and four years in the U.S. Marine Corps where he attained the rank of first lieutenant. Bill married Dolores Volk on January 16, 1954, in Duluth, Minnesota. He worked for Northwestern Bell until 1964 when he began working at the Rochester State Bank in Minnesota, becoming assistant Vice-President. Bill and Dolores moved their family to Bismarck in 1968 where they opened Bianco's Fabric Land. Bill began his career in real estate in 1971 when he joined Robert James Realty. From 1981-1989 he was President of Bianco Realty, later working for Oaktree Realty. Throughout his life, Bill shared his time and talents with the community. He worked as a Bismarck City Commission Appointee to the governing Library Board of Trustees, and served as a board member of the Library Foundation. He was past president

of the Bismarck Rotary Club, the St. Alexius Lay Hospital Board, and the Military Affairs Committee of the Bis-Man Chamber of Commerce. He was also past chair of Ducks Unlimited, the Bis-Man Symphony Board, and the St. Mary's High School Carnival Committee. As past state chairman of the North Dakota chapter for the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, Bill received the Secretary of Defense Medal for Outstanding Public Service. Bill is survived by his wife, Dolores of Bismarck; his daughters and sons-in-law, Mary C. and Collin Rixen of Bismarck, Kathryn A. and Tim Haas of Bozeman, Montana, and Gina L. and Toby Schaan of Minneapolis, Minnesota; his sons and daughters-in-law, William F. Bianco, Jr. of Bismarck, Robert A. and Michelle of Coralville, Iowa, and Benedict G. and Livnat of Bismarck. Bill has fourteen grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; one brother Anthony J. Bianco, Jr. and his wife, Joann of Rochester, Minnesota; and his sisters-in-law, Nola Bianco of Cass Lake, Minnesota, and Kathleen Bianco of Duluth, Minnesota. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brothers, James and Richard.