



William "Bill" Hochhalter

March 24, 1920 - October 5, 2008

William H. "Bill" Hochhalter, 88, Bismarck, died October 5, 2008, at Missouri Slope Lutheran Care Center in Bismarck. Funeral services will be held on Thursday at 11:00 AM at Faith Lutheran Church in Bismarck with Rev. Chris Alexander and Rev. Wes Aardahl officiating. Burial will be at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be Wednesday from 9:00 AM – 9:00 PM at Eastgate Funeral Service where a prayer service will be held at 7:00 PM Wednesday evening. Visitation will continue one hour prior to the service at the church. Bill was born on March 24, 1920, on the family farm in Wishek, ND, the son of Henry J. and Magdalena Staebler Hochhalter. He was raised in Wishek where he graduated from high school. Bill worked for Northwestern Bell Telephone Company for over 36 years, retiring in 1984. He would tease that after his retirement, Ma Bell was all broke up. He married Violet Schatz on February 17, 1950, in Linton, ND. They lived in Bismarck since 1952. Bill was a life member of the Telephone Pioneers, the Bismarck Elks, and Faith Lutheran Church. He enjoyed traveling and being with his family, whom he was very dedicated to. He is survived by his wife, Vi Hochhalter of Bismarck; his daughters, Susan Jim Sande, Sandra Delmo Graff, and Sharon Hochhalter, all of Bismarck; four grandchildren, Anne Brent Sullivan, Emily John Dempsey, Erin Sande, and Jeff Sande; three great-grandchildren, Evan, Olivia, and Tyler; and three step-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Sully, and his granddaughter, Kelsey. Bill's family wishes to thank MSLCC for the excellent care Bill received during his stay there.

Tribute Wall

NH

“ I have known Bill only since he was a resident at Missouri Slope and will miss him visiting with me. Sue and Vi....I am so sorry for your loss.

Nancy Hoffer - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ My memories will always be happy ones for Uncle "Hutch", my Baptismal Godfather. Visiting the buzzing USWest Phone company office where he worked, seeing the buttons, switches, and blinking lights was the highlight of a Bismarck visit. Running up and down the halls of the phone boards was like being in another world! At Christmas, Aunt Vi and Uncle Hutch would take us to the "Toyland" street to see the wonderful full-size cartoon characters that seemed to come to life as a child. I always marveled that they would take the time from their busy schedule to throw us all in the car and drive "all the way over" to the special street - "just for us" kids from the farm. Uncle Hutch's sense of humor and wry wit always brought smiles to everyone's faces. His insight was amazing. When visiting, it was like putting on an old shoe..always was comfortable..always was welcomed. Our family will miss him..I will miss him. He was a part of my upbringing and he helped me become the person I am today. We loved him and will never forget this very special man. Aunt Vi - we'll be here for you when you need a shoulder. Our bond continues to grow. Thank you, I love you. Sheila

Sheila Hinkel - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ We will always remember the good times we had on all of the trips, driving to Dickinson for the heck of it and not to mention the fishing trip down to Kimbel Bottoms, what fun we had. We will miss Bill too.

Leona Reuer - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ My condolences go out to the Hochhalter family. Although Bill or any of you have met me, I've known about you as Bill would have been a 3rd cousin of my father. I originate from Eureka SD where Bills grandfather, Joseph, had a brother, Johann. My sympathy goes out to all Bill's family and friends.

Duane Stabler - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ I'll always remember uncle Hutch and his sportsmanship when playing marbles, cards or pool with my dad. As much as dad wanted to rattle him, he kept cool and always had fun. He was always a kind, loving uncle and I'll never forget him. We love you Uncle Hutch, and we'll miss you.

Tim & Shena Cunningham - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM