



William G. Grabar

January 1, 1931 - April 7, 2010

William "Bill" G. Grabar, 79, Bismarck, died April 7, 2010, at St. Alexius Medical Center. Services will be held at 12:00 Noon on Monday, April 12 at Church of St. Anne in Bismarck with Rev. Kenneth Wald and Rev. Ed Wehner officiating. Burial will be at the ND Veterans Cemetery. Visitation will be Sunday, April 11, from 2:00 – 8:00 PM at Parkway Funeral Service, 2330 Tyler Parkway, Bismarck, where a prayer service will be held at 7:00 PM. Visitation will continue on Monday one hour prior to the service at the church. Bill was born on January 1, 1931, to Raymond and Mary Mildred Grabar in LaCrosse, WI. The family moved to Bismarck in the summer of 1947. He graduated from St. Mary's High School in 1949 then attended Bismarck Junior College before entering the Air Force in 1951. On October 9, 1954, Bill married the love of his life, Patricia Walsh at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Bismarck. While starting their family, Bill worked at Woodmansee's until he and two partners opened Office Machines and Furniture OMF. He remained working at OMF until his retirement. Bill was an outstanding basketball player throughout high school, college, and in the Air Force. His hobbies included lots of hunting, fishing, and cheering for the Twins and Vikings. Bill is survived by his loving wife of 56 years, Patricia, Bismarck; his children, Deborah Ziegler Bill Hanson, Detroit Lakes, David Julie Grabar, New Salem, Michelle Bortke fiancé, Monte Bader, Bismarck, Kathleen Brian Rebel, Bismarck, and Jennifer Arlynn Carter, Menoken; seven grandchildren, Krystal Joseph Neuman, Stephanie Gabriel Gust, Alexander Bortke, Caitlin Grabar, Ethan and Grace Rebel, and Cole

Carter; two great-grandchildren, Samantha Keys and Emma Neuman; and one brother, Ray Loretta Grabar, Bismarck. Bill was preceded in death by his parents.

Tribute Wall

KC

“ Pat and family: My heart is with you. As one of the kids in the neighborhood I always looked up to Bill esp since he was 6'4". Bill was one of the cool dad's in the neighborhood and I have so many memories of our families adventures together. hopefully he won't be cold in heaven, but if he is maybe mom will knit him another sweater. Love and prayers for all of you.

Karla Burkhardsmeyer Cheek - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ To Bill's family: So sorry for your loss. As a fellow co-worker from the days of OMF what a wonderful family we all were. Bill worked hard and knew his stuff and was a great person to come to for information. We especially loved his fishing stories! I know he will be very much missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Take Care.

Bonnie Fisher - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ Pat & Family,I am sorry to hear of Bill's passing. My paryers are with you.My dad told me before he pased on that there was a fishing hole waiting for him where you never get skunked. I know if it is there Bill will find it. Lets hope it is also without snags. Ron

Ron Burkhardsmeyer - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ PAT-SORRY TO HAER OF BILL'S PASSING. YOU AND YOUR FAMILY HAVE OUR SYMPATHY.

DAVE & MARGE FAIT - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ I'm sorry I did not get to know William but I see he looks very much like the Grabar men. Please accept my condolence for your loss.

Barbara Grabar Hammond - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ My favorite neighbors on Avenue C:My deepest condolences to each of you. I have very fond memories of our time together as neighbors. The range from Sunday nights watching Walt Disney and Mutual of Omaha, to our summer vacation at Riding Mountain Park in Manitoba, to hunting & fishing south of Mandan, to barbecue in the backyard on the 4th, to playing H-O-R-S-E in your driveway, to building pine box race cars in your basement, to Bill attending my mother's funeral wearing the hunting sweater she knitted for him. Most of my fond childhood memories somehow involve your family and your dad. Even though I could not be there, know that we are their in spirit and our prayers are with you at this time.
Condolences:Kent, Susan, Britni, and Derek Burkhardsmeyer

Kent Burkhardsmeyer - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EH

“ To Pat,children and all of Bill's familyMy thoughts and prayers go out to you all this sad time. We go way back to the Woodmansee and OMF days and then neighbors. Didnt keep in touch as we should have being neighbors but know I am thinking about you and wishing you the best. There are many good memories and happy times for you all to remember and hold on to.Bless you all.

Evelyn Hanson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ My thoughts and sympathy go out to your family at your time of loss. I hope that you will find solace together and take the chance to remember Bill as a husband, father, and community member.

Darren Carter, MD - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ I remember all us kids piling into Bill's big convertible and getting Dilly bars at the Dairy Queen. And the horseshoes in our backyard, and softball games, all fond memories. Condolences, Robbie

Robbie Stanton - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

IC

“ At a time like this it's difficult to see beyond the sorrow. However looking back to all the good memories that one always carries in your heart will help carry you through the future and help with the healing. My sincere sympathy to you Jen, Arlynn and the Grabar family. Sincerely, Irene Carter

Irene Carter - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ Jen and family: I am truly sorry for your loss. If you need a shoulder or an ear please don't hesitate to call or stop by. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Theresa Held

Theresa Held - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ We are so sorry for your loss. We remember the good times on Ave C. And the kids had so much fun with each other. Take care and know that Bill is probably fishing already.

Larry & Judy Berget - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ To all Family Members, We are so sorry to hear the sad news of Bill's passing. Jim has not seen Bill since a family reunion in Florida, and sadly, never stayed in touch. Our sympathies to our entire family, and please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Sincerely, Jim and Sharon Grabar

Jim is a cousin of Bill - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NG

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family on the loss of William Grabar. Sorry we did not get to know him.

Nick Grabar - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JG

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