



William Panko

July 29, 1917 - August 10, 2011

William Panko, 94, Bismarck, died August 10, 2011, at Medcenter One Hospital, Bismarck. Services will be held at 2:00 pm Saturday, August 13, at Eastgate Funeral Service, 2302 East Divide Avenue, Bismarck, with Pastor Rod Long officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Memorial Gardens. There will be no visitation. William was born July 29, 1917, in Butte, ND, the son of Gustav and Louise Krause Panko. He was raised and educated in the Butte area and attended the North Dakota State School of Science in Wahpeton, ND, where he studied mechanics. He married Tillie Krueger on November 3, 1946, in Minot, ND. The family moved to Bismarck in 1969, where William worked construction before beginning his career with Butler Machinery in 1971. In 1981, William started work at the Beulah Gasification Plant and worked there until retiring in 1984. Tillie passed away on August 3, 1990. Since 1990, he worked for Lutheran Social Services as a senior companion. He married Audrey Hart on June 4, 1998, in Redmond, OR. William was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church and the Bismarck Eagles. William is survived by his wife, Audrey; his daughter and son-in-law, Dorothy and Rod Long, Redmond, OR; his sons, Russell, Spanaway, WA, and Darrell, Lincoln, ND; two grandchildren, Rev. Justin Rev. Heidi Keeler and their children, Kellie and Brooklyn, Missoula, MT, and Jessica Duane Little, Redmond, OR; three stepdaughters, Brenda Hart, Grand Junction, CO, Cinda Hart, Grand Junction, CO, and Kris Troy Schmidt, Bismarck, and their children, Blake and Jaden; his sisters, Clara Gondringer, Underwood, ND, and Irene Carlson, MaxBass, ND.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Tillie; his parents; his sister, Christine Crum; and his brothers, Raymond, Walter, Henry, Clarence and Arnold.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Bill was a wonderful guy and a great neighbor. I had the pleasure of helping him to the car for his trip to the hosp. And would do it all over again for him*

Brandon Christmann - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ *We are sorry to learn of Bill's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Shelley and Gary Schott*

shelley and gary schott - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Great Neighnor and life long friend. We will miss him. Lois and Dennis*

Lois and Dennis Schott - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM