



## William Wikenheiser

May 5, 1929 - January 7, 2005

William Jacob Wikenheiser, 75, passed away on January 7, 2005 peacefully and surrounded by family. Funeral services will be Monday at 12:30 PM at Cathedral of the Holy Spirit with the Rev. Thomas Kramer officiating. Burial will be at St. Mary's Cemetery. Visitation will be Sunday from 1:30 -2:30 PM at St. Vincent's Care Center and Sunday from 5:00 - 7:00 PM at Eastgate Funeral Service where a rosary service will be held at 7:00 PM. Visitation will continue Monday one hour prior to the service at the church. William, or Bill, as his friends called him, was born on May 5, 1929 in Strasburg, ND and attended Strasburg schools. He married Anna Marie Leintz on June 22, 1949. Bill began his career in Bismarck and worked for Capital Laundry and Master Cleaners. He moved his family to California in the 1960's and began an exciting career as an entrepreneur, winning contracts with Western Airlines, TWA, and Continental Airlines. He was a member of UCT, Knights of Columbus, Eagles, and Elks. Bill enjoyed fishing, hunting, playing cards, Cadillacs, collecting coins, Las Vegas Casinos, lobster, camping and traveled extensively in the US and Europe. He had many friends and was often the life of the party. He had a great sense of humor and adventure that his children inherited. Bill has a large and vivacious family. He has seven children whom he loved; Laurie and Darryl Busby, Wayne Wikenheiser, Michael and Jackie Wikenheiser, Karen and Paul Sakariassen, Gary and Amy Wikenheiser, Steven and Raneë Wikenheiser, and Debbie and Scott Samuelson. He especially loved his grandchildren, Robbie, Andrea, Jamie, Nick, Kristi,

Michael, Trynden, Elijah, Shasteana, Clarissa, and Alex and great-grandson, Mikael. Bill is survived by his wife, Anna and their children, grandchildren, and great-grandson; his brothers, Clarence and Nina Wikenheiser, and Ray H. Wikenheiser; and his sisters, Eleanor Ledger, Victoria and Harry Voller, Bertha and Theophil Balliet, and Viola Wikenheiser. Bill was preceded in death by his parents, Wendelin and Barbara Wikenheiser; his brother, Alois; his daughter-in-law, Vickie; and his loving granddaughter, Michelle.