



LUDVIG PHILIP HOFFERT

Obituary



Ludvig Philip Hoffert, 87, the son of Joseph and Katherine (Keller) Hoffert was born in the home of his parents in Elverum Township, Pierce County, North Dakota on July 20, 1918. He died at the age of 87 years on Friday, January 20, 2006 surrounded by his family, at the Harold S. Haaland Home in Rugby, North Dakota. Ludvig was reared on the family farm and graduated from Silva High School in 1938. He enlisted into the U.S. Army on November 9, 1942 and received his basic training at Camp Campbell in Fort Knox, Kentucky. He served as a radio operator during World War II and took part in the battles of the Rhineland and Central Europe with the Calvary unit of the 20th Armored Division. On November 6, 1943, he was united in marriage to Johanna Duchscher at Fort Thomas, Kentucky. Ludvig was honorably discharged from active duty on November 17, 1945. Following service, he and Johanna started to farm and raise their family in Benson County, near Fillmore. The couple retired to Rugby in 1982. Johanna died March 31, 2005. A loving husband, father and grandfather, he enjoyed socializing, dancing, cards, fishing and travel with Johanna. He had a bright and curious mind and loved life to the fullest. He had a great sense of humor and always enjoyed a "'good' joke. Ludvig was an avid sports fan, who enjoyed watching the Minnesota Twins at every opportunity. He was a member of the Little Flower Catholic Church, the John F. Kennedy #0786 Assembly of the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus, the Clarence E. Larson Post # 23 of the American Legion and the Fraternal Order of Eagles, all of Rugby. He had served on the Fillmore Elevator Board and the Iowa Township and School Boards. A gentle and caring man, he will be missed by all who knew him. Those who were privileged to share in his life include 3 sons, Ken (Ardyce) of Bismarck, Jim (Debora) of Rugby and Mark (Susan) of Fillmore; 5 daughters, Geri (Wes) Weeding of West Fargo, Gloria (Robert) Larson of Kathryn, Luci (Terry) Vandal of Garrison, Cheryl (Mike) Hahn of Grand Forks and Kristie (Tom) Schrader of Vancouver Island, B.C. Canada; 24 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; 3 brothers, Tony and Pius of Rugby and Philip of Los Angeles, CA; 3 sisters, Margaret Heilman and Rose Hager of Rugby and Barbara Piatz of Devils Lake; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his wife; 1 brother, Pete; 1 sister, Mary Duchscher; and his parents. Mass of Christian Burial: 11:00 a.m. Monday, January 23, 2006 at Little Flower Catholic Church in Rugby, North Dakota. Father Kevin Boucher, Celebrant. Burial with military honors provided by the Clarence E. Larson American Legion Post # 23 Honor and Color Guard will be in the Church Cemetery. Friends may call: 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. Sunday, January 22, 2006 and from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. Monday at The Anderson Funeral Home in Rugby. There will be no reviewal in the church. Rosary and Vigil Prayer Service: beginning at 7:00 p.m. Sunday evening at the funeral home. Arrangements with the Anderson Funeral Home of Rugby
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