

Valentine 'Walt' Muffenbier

March 11, 1919-April 6, 2007

Valentine "Walt" Muffenbier, 88, died at the Heart of America Medical Center in Rugby on Good Friday, April 6, 2007.

He was born on March 11, 1919, at Reno Valley Township, Pierce County, North Dakota. He was raised on the farm where he was born near Pleasant Lake. He graduated from Rugby High School in 1937.

He entered the United States Army at Fort Snelling, Minnesota, on June 13, 1942. He served in Africa, France, Italy and Germany during World War II. He was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Service Medal and 5 overseas service bars. He was honorably discharged at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, on November 1, 1945.

He returned to North Dakota and farmed with his brother, John, southeast of Rugby. He took great pride in his cattle and grain operation. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, gardening, raising flowers, playing cards and reading. In 2000 he moved to the Haaland Manor in Rugby.

He was a member of the Knights of Columbus Council 4136, the Clarence Larson Post 23 of the American Legion and the Rugby Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He is survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by family members Mike, Jack and John Muffenbier; Magdalena Jaeger, Elizabeth Volk, Gertrude Jaeger, Gunda Eberle and Mary Voeller.

Visitation: Will be on Monday, April 9, 2007, from 2:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. with a prayer service at 7:00 p.m.

Funeral: Will be held at the Little Flower Catholic Church, Rugby, Tuesday, April 10, 2007, at 11 a.m.

Pallbearers: Orvin Blekeberg, Daniel and Stanley Jaeger, Larry Muffenbier, Virgil Voeller, and Robert Volk.

The Rev. Kevin Boucher and the Rev. Philip Chacko will officiate.

Military Honors will be given by the American Legion and VFW posts of Rugby.

Burial: Will be in at Little Flower Catholic Cemetery in Rugby. (Niewoehner Funeral Home, Rugby)