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LINTON - Raymond "Ray" H. Wikenheiser, 75, Linton, died April 27, 2007, at Strasburg Care Center. Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, April 30, at St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Linton, with the Revs. Gary Benz and Leonard Eckroth officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Visitation will be held from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today at Myers Funeral Home, Linton, where prayer services will be held at 7:30 p.m.

Ray Wikenheiser was born Feb. 5, 1932, in Linton, the son of Wendelin and Barbara (Baumgartner) Wikenheiser. He attended and graduated from Strasburg High School in 1950. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1952 to 1956. After his discharge, he attended St. Thomas College, St. Paul, Minn., graduating in 1960. While he was teaching, he also received his masters degree in administration from NDSU. Ray married Mary Ann Burgad at St. Peter & Paul Catholic Church Aug. 17, 1963.

Following their marriage, they lived in Strasburg, where he taught school. He also taught school in Bismarck at Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, and also in Herreid, S.D., until his retirement in 1997. Ray was also a principal in Bismarck and Herreid. Ray served two terms in the N.D. House of Representatives for District 28 and was also an Emmons County Commissioner for three terms. He was a member of the Linton American Legion, Strasburg VFW and a lifetime member of the Strasburg Knights of Columbus. He enjoyed gardening and visiting with family and friends.

He is survived by one brother and sister-in-law, Clarence and Nina Wikenheiser, Strasburg; three sisters and one brother-in-law, Bertha and Teoph Balliet, Linton, Victoria Voller, Strasburg, and Eleanor Ledger, Bismarck; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, in 1995; and two brothers, William and Alois.

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