



## Joseph "Joe" Bostyan

April 18, 1925 - August 22, 2013

Beach, North Dakota: Joseph P. Bostyan, age 88, of Beach, passed away on Saturday, August 17, 2013 at St. Alexius Medical Center in Bismarck, North Dakota. Visitation will be held in the Chapel of the Angels at the Golden Valley Manor in Beach from 10:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. on Wednesday, August 21, 2013 and at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Golva on Wednesday August 21, 2013 from 6:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M. followed by a Vigil Service at 7:00 P.M. at St. Mary's Catholic Church. On Thursday, August 22, 2013, a visitation will be held two hours prior to the Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 A.M. on Thursday, August 22, 2013 at St. Mary's Catholic Church with Father David Richter officiating. A Rite of Committal Service with military honors will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Thursday, August 22, 2013 at Beach City Cemetery in Beach. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Beach has been entrusted with the arrangements. Joe was born on April 18, 1925 to Joseph and Louisa Bostyancic. He was born in Yugoslavia and brought to the United States by his mother through Ellis Island, New York when he was less than a year old. He grew up in Hibbing, Minnesota and in the last year of high school, he drove truck in the iron ore mines to assist the war effort. After graduating high school he enlisted in the army and served overseas in the European Theatre during World War II. He returned home from the war and traveled to California enrolling in watch-making school. While in California, he met his future wife Isadora Weinreis. They married and moved to Golva to Isadora's family farm. With the help of friends and neighbors, he learned the art of farming and

developed a love for the land. Joe and Dora raised six children on the farm. In addition to farming, he worked in the oilfields of North Dakota, Montana and on some of the first wells drilled in Prudhoe Bay, Alaska. Joe loved hard work and enjoyed the satisfaction of a job well done. He was very active in the Golva community and enjoyed joining his neighbors on projects benefitting the community. Loving ice skating and hockey, he was instrumental in creating a skating rink in Golva. Joe assisted in the rebuilding of the Golva School Gymnasium after it was destroyed by a fire. He was involved in the planning of a fixed-income apartment building in Golva and helped with construction of the WP Nistler Community Building. Joe and Dora enjoyed ice skating, playing cards, bowling, square dancing, and road trips with friends to Golva's ball games. Joe enjoyed woodworking, especially working with Badlands cedar. He became a caregiver for his parents, and later for Dora; whom he lovingly cared for until her death. When facing his own health challenges, he never gave up; giving all he could in whatever he did. His ability to make friends anywhere and appreciation for kindness were wonderful examples of his character. He loved his family, friends, neighbors, and the time he spent with them. Joe resided at the Golden Valley Manor for the last two years of his life. The family would like to thank the staff for their loving care and friendship. Joe was preceded in death by a son, John Roger; his parents; his wife, Dora and a brother, Stanley. Joe is survived by his four daughters, Eve Bostyan, Joanne (Tim) Geinert, Val (Steve) Whetter and Vicki Braden; two sons, Mike (Cheryl) Bostyan and Rick (Charlene) Bostyan; fourteen grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; his sister-in-law Violet Schmeling and numerous nieces and nephews. Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at: [www.silvernale-silhafuneralhome.com](http://www.silvernale-silhafuneralhome.com).

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