



## Paul Robert Carlson

October 6, 1915 - January 18, 2003

Paul Robert Carlson, age 87, of Beach, died in Beach on Saturday, January 18, 2003. Funeral Services were held on Wednesday, January 22, 2003 at the First Lutheran Church in Beach with Rev. Roger Dieterle and Pastor Paul Peterson officiating. Interment was in the Lutheran cemetery in Beach. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Beach was entrusted with arrangements. Paul Robert Carlson was born in Beach, North Dakota, on October 6, 1915, the son of Charlie and Charlotte (Paulson) Carlson. He attended country school next to his childhood home twelve miles northeast of Beach but eventually moved to town. He attended Beach High School and graduated with the class of 1933. After high school graduation, Robert enrolled in college at Virginia, Minnesota where his clear tenor voice won him the lead role in the school musical "The King and I." The nearby iron mines of the area ignited his lifelong love of big machinery and it wasn't long before his sense of adventure led him to Flat, Alaska where he worked for a gold mining company for one summer. From there he moved to Los Angeles, California to attend diesel engineering school and later worked in a large diesel-powered generating plant in Los Angeles. At the outbreak of World War II, Bob enlisted in the Army and was assigned to serve as a Staff Sergeant at Fort Snelling in St. Paul, Minnesota. While serving at Fort Snelling, he married Ruby Hathaway of Beach, North Dakota in a private ceremony at his uncle's home in St. Paul, on April 8, 1943. After the war, Bob and Ruby returned to Beach and began farming one mile north of town. In 1969, the construction of

Interstate 94 through his farm forced Bob to move his family into Beach but he remained an active farmer and cattle feeder for many years. Robert was a 50 year member of the American Legion, the Masonic Lodge and the El Zagal Shrine and an avid community supporter. He loved to think big and never lost his interest in innovative machinery and technology. Always dreaming of better ways to do things, he frequently displayed an uncanny vision of the future that later won him three U.S. Patents in electronic banking. He loved music and sang in the Lutheran choir for forty years. Most of all he loved his family and friends. Robert leaves his loving and devoted wife Ruby of Beach; two sons, Rick of Beach and Steve and his wife Holly of Lincoln, North Dakota; five grandchildren, five great grandchildren; his older sister, Avis Peterson and her son Douglas Peterson of Beach, North Dakota.

# Tribute Wall



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