



Peter Wirtzfeld

April 4, 1917 - September 25, 2010

Peter Henry Wirtzfeld, age 93, of Fargo, North Dakota, formerly of Sentinel Butte, North Dakota, passed away peacefully on Sunday, September 19, 2010, at Bethany Homes in Fargo. Peter was the seventh child of eight, born April 4, 1917 to Thomas Nicholas and Victoria Billig Wirtzfeld on the family homestead. He graduated eighth grade from the Olson School near Sentinel Butte. At age 13, Peter had his first job herding sheep for Selfest Oygard. At the age of 21, Pete moved to California in 1938 and spent two years working for the railroad. In 1940, he moved back and began farming with his father, and later farmed on his own. A lifelong farmer, Peter experienced firsthand the revolution farming went through. A revolution many only know as history. From using horses, to the steam engine, using threshers, to the modern day tractor, Peter used every technique. And after many years farming, Peter retired in 1985. On February 14, 1950, Peter was united in marriage to E. Mary Johnson at St. Michael's in Sentinel Butte. They had four children, Tom, Ruth, Cindy, and Peter Jr., and raised them on the family farm north of Sentinel Butte. Peter loved animals, and many times would bring baby animals into the house to share them with the kids. Sometimes, even sticking them in bed with the kids to wake them up, or keep them company when they were sick. Peter spent his retirement years living on the family farm, gardening, playing with his grandchildren and traveling. Trips were made with his wife to Hawaii visiting his daughter and her family and to Texas to see his son commissioned as a naval pilot. He also spent time in Northfield, Minnesota, helping his oldest son

build a house. Peter and his wife moved permanently to Northfield in 1996 and lived with Tom and his family. In 2002, they moved back to Beach and lived in the Golden Valley Manor until 2008 when they moved again, this time to Bethany Homes in Fargo. Peter was a lifelong member of the Knights of Columbus and also a member of the Elks Club. Most importantly, Peter was a kind and loving man who enjoyed talking to everyone. Most people will remember him by all the humorous stories and tall tales he told, especially to his grandkids. Peter loved playing tricks and loved to tease people. The older he got, the more he loved to play his tricks. Peter always had a pot of coffee brewing, ready for anytime a neighbor or stranger would drop by for a visit. Strangers soon became friends, and no belly was left empty leaving Peter's table. He loved visiting and card playing with anyone and everyone. His kindness will be missed by all. Peter was preceded in death by his parents, his wife E. Mary Wirtzfeld, brothers William and Nicholas, sisters Margaret Van, Christine Fugere, Francis, Susan and Clara Allen. Peter is survived by his four children, Tom (Bev) Wirtzfeld of Northfield, Minnesota; Ruth (Richard Wolfert) Wirtzfeld of Fargo, Cindy (David Summers) Nolan of Lewisville, Texas; Pete (Laure) Wirtzfeld Jr. of Sentinel Butte; his eight grandchildren, Adam (Rita) Wirtzfeld, Kelsey (Steve) Smith, Joshua (Kala Bacon) Wirtzfeld, Kate Nolan, Jacob Wirtzfeld, Ashley (Bill Maye) Wirtzfeld, Ruth Nolan and Tim Nolan; His four great-grandchildren; Anika Wirtzfeld, Macoy Maye, Bailee Wirtzfeld and Amelia Maye.

Tribute Wall



“ *Peter Wirtzfeld*

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