



Ralph Zook

September 14, 1925 - January 3, 2011

Ralph Conrad Zook, age 85, of Beach North Dakota passed away Monday, December 27, 2010 at St. Benedict's Health Center, Dickinson, North Dakota. A Vigil will be held on Sunday, January 2, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. at Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church in Beach. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Monday, January 3, 2011 at 10:00 A.M. at Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church in Beach with Father Russell Kovash officiating. Interment to follow at the Saint John's Catholic Cemetery in Beach. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Beach is entrusted with arrangements. Ralph was born September 14, 1925 in Beach, son of Robert and Margaret (Fakler) Zook. He was raised 7 miles south of Beach. He received his education at the Oech School until 8th grade, graduating from Beach High School in 1943. Ralph entered the Army on February 14, 1946, serving with the 8th Cavalry Division. He was stationed in Tokyo, Japan until he was honorably discharged November 28, 1948. On October 11, 1952, Ralph married Shirley Larson at St. John the Baptist church in Beach. Ralph took over his father's farming operation and together with Shirley raised five children. Ralph loved to have a good time and shared many laughs with family and friends while camping, boating, fishing, snow skiing and other activities. Ralph's lifelong passion was Agriculture and actively farmed until the fall of 2010. He was a progressive, innovative leader in the industry and always searched for a better way to produce quality products; never afraid to try new technology. Always the creative inventor, he spent many hours crafting intriguing items to organize and streamline his operation.

Ralph served on the board of Beach Coop Grain Elevator for 33 years and was an important part of its success. He also served on the FSA board. Ralph was a member of Saint John the Baptist Church. He was a third and fourth degree knight in the Knights of Columbus. He served on the parish council, maintained the cemetery for many years and always offered to help in any way possible. Ralph was a member of the Dickinson Elks Club for 47 years, the VFW, and American Legion. Ralph was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Floyd. He is survived by his wife, Shirley; sons, Mike (Leah), Steve (Carey Waldal), Paul, all of Beach; daughters, Vicki Zook, Rochester, MN; Cindy (Bob) Makelky, Sentinel Butte; thirteen grandchildren, Troy (Sharon) Kreitinger, Byron, MN; Brooke Kreitinger, Washington DC; Noah (Jenna Turtle) Owatonna, MN; Rusty Makelky, Billings, MT; Emily (Brandon Richard) Makelky, Belfield, ND; Clay and Owen Makelky, both of Sentinel Butte; Allyssa and Nolan Zook, both of Beach; Bailey Waldal, Beach; Arianna and Myia Zook, Bowman ND; Zoey Zook, Beach; four great grandchildren, Taylor and Brady Kreitinger of Byron MN; Issac and Isabel Turtle, Owatonna, MN; one sister, Glennette Hobbs, Laguna Woods, CA; numerous nieces and nephews, and numerous brothers and sisters-in-law. Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at www.silvernale-silhafuneralhome.com.

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“ *Ralph Zook*

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