



Walter Mattson

August 25, 1923 - March 12, 2012

Beach, North Dakota: Walter Mattson, age 88, passed away on Tuesday, March 6, 2012 at St. Joseph's Hospital in Dickinson, North Dakota. A Prayer Service will be held at 7:00 P.M. on Sunday, March 11, 2012 in the Chapel of the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Beach. A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Monday, March 12, 2012 at First Lutheran Church in Beach with Pastor J. T. Burk officiating. Interment will be in the Beach Lutheran Cemetery. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Beach has been entrusted with the arrangements. Walter was born August 25, 1923 in Outlook, Montana, a son of Henry and Dagny (Hanson) Mattson. He was educated in the Outlook Schools, and graduated Valedictorian of his class. After High School he went to college at North Dakota State College for agriculture (NDSU) in Fargo, North Dakota, graduating with the class of 1951. After college Walter worked in Devils Lake, North Dakota for the Ramsey County Extension Service as a intern. Walter married Ardyn Thurn on July 20, 1952 in Wishek, North Dakota. Following their marriage they made their home in Beach where Walter was the County Extension Agent for Golden Valley and Billings Counties for forty-one years before retiring in 1991. After his retirement Walter served on the South West Water Project for ten years bringing good water to the South West region. Walter was a member of the First Lutheran Church of Beach, served on the church council, taught Sunday School and even preached on occasion. He was also active with the Badlands Bible Camp. He served as treasure of the Soil Conservation Service, and

while working with them he started the No Till practice in North Dakota, which spread state wide. Walt was on various community organizations such as: Fair Board, Hospital Board, and Museum Board. Walter was a Mason and a member of the Lions Club. Although he was not a golfer Walt helped with the creation of the golf course in Beach. Walter was a very generous man and a friend of everyone. He loved to volunteer his time to the people in his community. He liked to do leather work and was an excellent wood worker. He planted trees out at the fairgrounds and was also instrumental in restoring pheasants in the Golden Valley County through 4-H. Walts family was the most important part of his life. He will be missed dearly by his friends and family. Walter was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Helen Mattson and Doris Amunrud; brother, Robert Mattson. Walter is survived by his wife, Ardyn Mattson of Beach; two daughters, Karen (Rick) Thompson of Dickinson, North Dakota and Karla (Carl) Monson of Bottineau, North Dakota; son, Kent (Sharie) Mattson of Carrington, North Dakota; sister, Lois Dalthorp of Billings, Montana; sister-in-law, Sandra Mattson of Eugene, Oregon; grandchildren, Erica Thompson, Evan (Heather) Thompson, Brandon Mattson, Taylor Mattson, Erin Mattson, Maggie Mattson, Zack Monson, Alicia Monson, and numerous nieces and nephews. In Lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Badlands Ministries of Medora, North Dakota; 4-H Foundation at NDSU in Fargo, North Dakota; National Arbor Day Foundation, or plant a tree in Walts memory. Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at: www.silvernale-silhafuneralhome.com.

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