



## William "Bill" Melvin

August 20, 1914 - March 22, 2003

William Scott Melvin (Bill), age 88, passed away Thursday, March 20, 2003, at his home in Beach, ND. Funeral Services will be 10:00 A.M. Saturday, March 22, 2003 at the Chapel of the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Beach, North Dakota with Rev. Warren Maxted officiating. Interment will follow at the Beach City Cemetery in Beach, North Dakota. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Beach is entrusted with arrangements. He was born August 20, 1914, in Chester, Montana. His father, Dr. Wheeler Hayes Melvin was one of the first doctors in the Beach area, his mother, Mae (Caldwell) Melvin, homesteaded and taught school south of Beach where the family farm is located. Bill attended grade school in Montana, graduated from high school in Portland, Oregon, then attended the School of Mines in Butte, Montana. He worked on ranches, logging, and in the mines in Butte. In 1938 he moved to New York where he was involved in designing and installing heating and cooling units. There he met his future wife Rita Horner and they were married December 17, 1939. They returned to North Dakota a couple of years later to take over the family farm. Bill established one of the first fertilizer dealerships in western ND, produced certified seed potatoes, fed cattle and raised durum wheat. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, the Beach Lions Club, and served on numerous other boards and committees. He loved family, friends and being outdoors. Together, Bill and Rita enjoyed fishing, reading, walking and long country drives. He loved to fix things. He maintained, "If you can read, and understand, you can do anything." His dry sense of humor and sharp wit will

be missed by his family and many friends. William is survived by his wife, Rita, five children and seventeen grandchildren: William Melvin, Jr. and his wife Carol of Texas, and their children: William S. "Scott" Melvin, III and his wife Amy and their children: Wendy Sue (George) McKean, Cheryl (Brian) McCallister, August C. Melvin, Steven R. (Onca) Melvin, Mary Beth Melvin and John A. Melvin. Edna (Blickensderfer) and her husband, Robert Keller, Mott, and their children: John Blickensderfer, Tracy (Miles) Porter, Kent (Tessica) Blickensderfer, Robbie Keller, Jennifer (Mike) Shafer, and Ryan Keller. Richard Melvin, Beach, and his sons, Dave (Cricket) Melvin, and Jeff Melvin. Don Melvin, Fargo, and his daughter, Jessica (Ben) Peightal. Kathy and her husband, Gil Ebner and son Eric, of Richville, MN. He is also survived by ten great grandchildren. William was preceded in death by his brother Lloyd Wheeler Melvin and his Son-in-Law, Paul Blickensderfer.

# Tribute Wall



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