

## George E. (Bud) Benner

George E. (Bud) Benner, passed away July 6, 2005. He was born in Grand Forks, North Dakota to Nathan G. and Genevieve Benner on January 5, 1912.

He attended Belmont Grade School and Central High School. He graduated from the School of Commerce at the University of North Dakota in 1933. In 1936 he married Lois Vanderhoef. After working for two years in Milwaukee, Wisconsin he returned to Grand Forks where he lived until the fall of 2004 when he moved to Chanhassen, Minnesota.

In 1940 he started Benner's Jr. Shop which later became Benner's Toy and Hobby store. He retired in 1974. Bud was an active member of the Grand Forks community, and served on many corporate boards and service organizations.

Bud's greatest joys were his family, the state of North Dakota, Grand Forks, the University of North Dakota and Fighting Sioux, the Green Bay Packers, Sigma Chi fraternity, golf and his dogs.

He is survived by his wife Lois, daughter Barbara (Allen) Olson of Eden Prairie, Minnesota, and son George E. Jr. (Karen) Benner of Meeker, Colorado. Five grandchildren, Krista Benner, Robert Benner (Emily), Kristin Jackson (Todd), Robin Pointer (Chad), Craig Olson and twelve great grandchildren mourn the loss of their beloved "gramps".

**A memorial service** will be held 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 9, 2005 at the First Presbyterian Church in Grand Forks.

**Interment** will follow at Memorial Park Cemetery.

Memorials preferred to the University of North Dakota Foundation.

**Funeral arrangements are being made by Huber Funeral Home of Eden Prairie, MN, 952-949-4970.**