

Herbert Messmer

Herbert Messmer, 80, formerly of Grand Forks, died June 14, 2003 in Northwood Deaconess Health Center, Northwood, North Dakota.



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Herbert was born to Heinrich "Henry" and Wilhelmina (Kind) Messmer on October 30, 1922 at Halliday, North Dakota. He graduated from Halliday High School in 1941. He served in the U. S. Army Air Force during World War II. Herbert graduated from the University of North Dakota with a degree in education with a minor in history. Herbert and Lou Alice Froescher were married on August 22, 1948 at Beulah, North Dakota. From 1951-1982 he managed Northern Equipment and Supply in Grand Forks. He then became a purchasing manager for Great Plains Coal Gasification at Beulah until he retired in 1990. He continued to reside in Beulah until 1997. Herb also resided at Edgwood Vista in East Grand Forks, Minnesota and Deaconess Health Center at Northwood. Herb was an active member of University Lutheran Church, Grand Forks, and Zion Lutheran Church, Beulah. He was an active member of many community organizations. He served as president of the Grand Forks Chamber of Commerce, Builder and Traders, and Exchange Club. He also belonged to Germans from Russia Society, Elks Club, Association of General Contractors, Lions, and Grid-Iron.

His favorite hobbies were gardening, reading, researching his German background, and card playing.

Herb's tremendous sense of humor, genuine kindness towards others, and love for his family and friends will truly be missed.

He is survived by his children, Marc Messmer of Grand Forks and Carol Messmer of Grand Forks and their children Scott, Danika and Kyle; Karen (Jerry) Murray of Chanhassen, Minnesota and their children, Shawn, Nathan and Christopher; and Kevin Messmer of St. Paul, Minnesota; sisters, Emma (Gottlieb) Witt of Idaho Falls, Idaho, Christine (Conrad) Kraft of Gig Harbor, Washington, Ella Bohrer of Stanley, North Dakota, and Clara Tanfield of Boise, Idaho, and many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by 5 brothers and 4 sisters.

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Visitation: 6 to 8 p.m. with an 8:00 p.m. Prayer Service Wednesday (today) in Amundson Funeral Home, 2975 So. 42nd St., Grand Forks, and for the hour prior to the service in the church.

Interment: Memorial Park Cemetery, Grand Forks.

Military Honors: by members of American Legion Post #6, Grand Forks.

Arrangements by Amundson Funeral Home, Grand Forks, North Dakota.