

## Dr. Walter A. Wasdahl

Dr. Walter A. Wasdahl, 79, Grand Forks, ND died Friday, May 25, 2007 at home in Grand Forks.



Walter A. Wally Wasdahl was born on August 20, 1927 the son of Alexander and Bella (Opstad) Wasdahl near Cogswell, ND. His

family farmed during the great depression; he attended a one-room schoolhouse and graduated from Cogswell High School in 1944. During World War II he served in the Navy as a medical corpsman. He earned a degree in chemistry from Jamestown College, Jamestown, ND graduating in 1950. He attended The University of North Dakota School of Medicine, Grand Forks and graduated from McGill University, Montreal, Canada with the M.D. degree. He served his internship at St. Luke's hospital in Duluth, MN. While in Duluth, Wally met and married Carole Joan Nichols on June 25, 1955. They returned to UND, where he served as student health care physician and pathology resident. He traveled to Zimbabwe (then Rhodesia) for a neurosurgery fellowship, and to Malaysia for an academic fellowship in Pathology. The remainder of his medical career was spent at UND, where he became Professor and Chairman of the Department of Pathology, retiring in 1993. Carole preceded him in death on August 17, 2003.

Wally authored numerous medical articles and received many teaching awards while at UND. An avid handball player, he was state champion and is in the North Dakota Handball Hall of Fame.

He is survived by his sons, Daniel (Colette), Massillon, OH, David (Leanne), Portland, ME and Maximillian, Minnetonka, MN; grandchildren, Coral, Ivy, Alex, and Sara Wasdahl; a brother, Richard (Rosemary), MO; sisters, Dorothy (Bayard) Lewis, Wahpeton, ND and Sylvia (Chuck) Flaa, Minneapolis, MN.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Carole; brothers, John, Elmer and Louie; sisters, Alice, Doris and Agnes.

**Funeral Service:** 10:30 am Thursday, May 31, 2007 in the Gregory J. Norman Funeral Chapel, So. Washington St., Grand Forks, ND.

**Visitation:** One hour before services on Thursday in the Funeral Chapel.

**Burial:** Memorial Park Cemetery North, Grand Forks, ND.

**Military Honors:** Members of the American Legion Post 157 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3817, East Grand Forks, MN.

**Memorials:** Memorials may be sent to: INMED Program, c/o Indian Studies, 317 Cambridge St., University Station, Grand Forks, ND 58202.

The online memorial registry may be signed at [www.norman-funeral.com](http://www.norman-funeral.com).

(Gregory J. Norman-Norman Funeral Home, So. Washington St.)