

## William "Bill" Coulter

William "Bill" Coulter, 97, formerly of 1302 Cherry Street, Grand Forks, North Dakota passed away Friday October 28, 2005 at the Valley Eldercare Nursing Center, Grand Forks, North Dakota.



William was born November 21, 1907 in on a farm in rural East Grand Forks, Minnesota the son of Jesse and Margaret (Coulter) Coulter. He

attended grade school in East Grand Forks and graduated from high school in Hudson, Wisconsin in 1925. He attended the University of Minnesota majoring in Chemistry. He served as an officer in the Army Reserves. He married Gladys Otum in Warren, Minnesota on October 8, 1933. Gladys died October 24, 1991. William ran several grain testing laboratories for Tri State Labs until purchasing the Tri State lab in Grand Forks in 1946. He sold the grain testing business in 1970 and then worked as a consultant for the King of Spuds. Bill was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Grand Forks, the Elks Lodge 255, Jaycees, Grand Forks Chamber of Commerce, the American Chemical Society and American Society of Cereal Chemists.

William was active in the shooting sports and established the Forks Rifle Club in 1933 serving as Secretary/Treasurer for 65 years. He also established the Red River Valley Rifle League and was instrumental in organizing the North Dakota Rifle and Pistol Association. He was a lifetime member of the National Rifle Association, North Dakota Shooting Sports Association and the Forks Rifle Club. Bill was a member of the North Dakota Hall of Fame for Shooting Sports.

He is survived by 3 children, Delores Probert of Winterhaven, Florida, Susan (David) Skinner of Grand Forks, North Dakota, Dennis (Brenda) Coulter of Grand Forks, and 10 grandchildren, and numerous great-grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his wife on October 23, 1991, his parents, 2 brothers, Kenneth and Francis, 1 sister Clair, 2 infant sons and 2 grandsons and 1 son in law Charles Probert.

**Services:** 10:00 A.M., Tuesday, November 1, 2005 at the Stennes Funeral Home Chapel, East Grand Forks, Minnesota.

**Visitation:** Monday from 5-7 PM with a 6:30 PM prayer service at the Stennes Funeral Home, East Grand Forks, Minnesota and 1 hour before services at the chapel.

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

**Arrangements by Stennes Funeral Home, East Grand Forks, Minnesota.**

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