

January 11, 2011

The Life of Fred J. Albrecht



- The funeral for Fred J. Albrecht, 94, Groton, will be 1:30 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 13, 2011 at the United Church of Christ at Columbia. The Rev. Shelia Apland-Ottenbacher will officiate. Fred died Friday, Jan. 7, 2011 at Avera St. Luke's Hospital at Aberdeen.
- Visitation will be from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2011 with a prayer service at 7 p.m. at Spitzer-Miller Funeral Home, 1111 S. Main Street, Aberdeen.
- In lieu of flowers family prefers memorials.
- Fred Julius Albrecht was born on October 9, 1916 at Columbia, SD to Julius and Ruth (Morris) Albrecht. He attended school at Daly Corners School. On October 30, 1940 he mar

ried Grace Borden at Britton, SD. They made their home on a farm near Columbia until 1975 when they moved to Las Vegas, NV where he worked as a landscaper and custodial work. On December 1, 1993 they moved to Groton to be close to their family.

- Fred was a member of the United Church of Christ, Columbia where he served on all boards. He was instrumental in moving the church to the present site. He helped build the Columbia Auditorium, Masonic Temple and the Columbia Blacksmith Shop. He worked with the CCC in Hot Springs and Custer and was involved in the first elevator and dig out for Wind Cave. He was a member of the Masonic Blue Lodge for 60 years, Columbia Lodge #43 and Sunrise Lodge 211, 50 year member of Scottish Rites, yelduz Shrine and Order of the Eastern Star. Past member of the Daly Corner school board. He also was a member of Farmers Union and National Farmers.

- Fred was an avid fisherman and loved hunting and playing cards. He really enjoyed his annual fishing trips to Canada. He loved telling stories.. He loved his family and enjoyed his children's events.

- Grateful for having shared Fred's life are his wife, Grace Albrecht, Groton, children, Beverly (Darrel) Sombke, Groton, Lavonne (Marshall) Gesling, Harrisburg, SD, Wilbur (Judy) Albrecht, Columbia and Leland (Vickie) Albrecht, Wisconsin Rapids, WI, grandchildren, Brad (Kristie) Sombke, Brenda (Brad) Waage, Todd (Tracie) Gesling, Chris (Michele) Gesling, Jon (Casey) Gesling, Mara (Kerry) Hart, Cherie (Brad) Reuer, Shad (Darcy) Albrecht, Carrie (Andy) Lauersdorf and Jane (Gary Mantolesky) Albrecht, great grandchildren, Kayla, Elise, Tanner, Tony, Jake, Riley,

Grace, Avery, Alyshia, Jordan, Julia, Justin, Travis, Jamie, Cheyann, Camyjo, Marqelle, Jade, Maycee, Jeric, Braeden and Ava, foster son, James Grace, foster grandchildren, Jodee (Justin), Bobbie (Chris), Brandi (Keith), Amanda (Paul), foster great grandchildren, Grace, Justice, Jackson, Julie, Taylor, Tessa, Kennedy, Zoey and Aiden, sister, Delores Berreth, Aberdeen, sister-in-laws, Elsie Albrecht and Mary Albrecht both of Aberdeen, Betty (Orville) Nundahl, Oakes, ND, brother-in-law, James Fuerest, Lemmon, SD.

- Fred is preceded in death by his parents, Julius and Ruth Albrecht, son, Lester, grandchildren, Paul, Barry and Jenifer Sombke, brothers, Wayne, Walter, Merle and Elmer, sisters Bernis Smith and Esther Jeschke.

- When the Lord called Fred home he leaves a gift of memories in exchange. Thank you Fred for the treasured memories. May God Bless your soul.