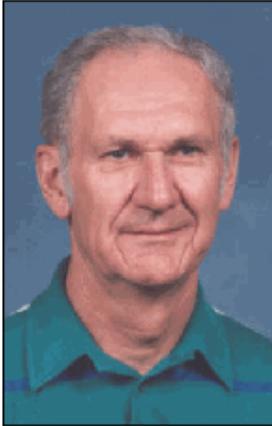


June 10, 2003

## Donald L. Bruns



- The funeral for Donald Bruns, 73, Aberdeen, will be held at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, June 12, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Frederick, with the Rev. Ronald Laue officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Memorial Park. He died Sunday, June 8 at his home.
- Visitation will be Wednesday from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. with a prayer service at 7 p.m. at Spitzer Funeral Home, and visitation will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.
- Donald L. Bruns was born on January 11, 1930, to Carl & Lillian (Wendt) Bruns in Hecla, SD, where he grew up. He graduated from Aberdeen Central High School with the class of 1947. He then attended Northern Normal & Industrial be

fore entering the United States Air Force in 1951. He was honorably discharged in 1954. On July 12, 1957, he married Theresa Schmidbauer at Webster, SD. They made their home in Aberdeen where he worked for the Federal Aviation Association until he retired in 1987. Donald was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

- For most of his life, Don was an avid pilot of small planes and a member of the Experimental Aircraft Association. He enjoyed woodworking, the outdoors, and was a gifted photographer. His greatest joy in life was his family, especially his grandchildren. His wife cared for him for thirteen years after he was diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease. He built ten houses, including the one in which he raised his family and spent his last days.

- Grateful for having shared his life are his wife, Theresa, Aberdeen; three sons, Steven (Peggy) Bruns, Lafayette, CO, Christopher (Victoria Hopwood) Bruns, Baltimore, MD, Jonathan (Lynn) Bruns, Maplewood, MN; four daughters, Susan (Tom) Rathbun, Rapid City, SD, Nancy (David) Jensen, Rapid City, SD, Carole Bruns, Minneapolis, MN, Marina (Leo) Grabowski, Brainerd, MN; one sister, Dolores (Jack) Pyle, San Mateo, CA; and eleven grandchildren.

- He was preceded in death by his parents.

- Casketbearers will be Charles Munson, Barney Bruns, Bill Bruns, Don Bothwell, Rodney Schoen, Tim Hagadone.

- In lieu of flowers, the family prefers memorials to Story Book Land c/o Parks, Rec. & Forestry Dept., 612 10<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE, Aberdeen, SD 57401 or the Alzheimer's Association, 1321 W. 22<sup>nd</sup> St., Sioux Falls, SD 57105.