

The Life of Robert Snyder



Dr. Robert "Doc" Snyder died in his sleep on Nov. 25, 2015 in Grand Forks, ND. He was born in 1929 in Yankton, SD to Ralph and Madelin Snyder.

Prayer service will be held at the Paetznick-Garness Funeral home in Groton, on Sunday, Dec. 6 at 7 p.m. with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. A funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m., Monday, Dec. 7, 2015 at the Methodist Church in Groton, SD. Visitation begins at 9:30 a.m. Pastor Tom Carlson will be officiating. Burial will follow at the Groton Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Groton Methodist Church fund for needy families.

Robert graduated from Conde High School in 1947. He attended SDSU and Colorado State University, where he received his DVM in 1954. He returned to SD and started his veterinary practice before leaving for the service in California for 2 years (1955-57). On July 28, 1957, he married Carolyn Ruth Geisler in Berkeley, CA. They established their home in Groton, SD and lived there for 58 years. They recently moved to Grand Forks, ND.

Robert served as president of the school board, the Groton City Council, and Kiwanis. He was elected "Boss of the Year" by the Chamber of Commerce in 1965 and Veterinarian of the Year by the SDMVA in 1987. He was a delegate to AVMA serving on the Council on Biologic and Therapeutic agents. He served his Church as Sunday school teacher, trustee and finance chairman. He loved to be with friends and family. He was a loving husband and father and grandfather, a man of faith, integrity, compassion and humor. He loved getting to know people and was a good friend and mentor. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, camping, wood-carving and painting.

Robert is survived by his wife, Carolyn, his 5 children Barb Luna, Kristine (John) Albrecht, Linda (Ben) Sparkman, Mike (Valerie) Snyder, Paul (Shawn) Snyder and 16 grandchildren: Ethan Albrecht, Elisabeth, Daniel, Catherine, and JT Sparkman, Liu Snyder, and Jacob, Nathan, David, John, Titus, Claire, Leah, Simeon, Joshua and Caleb Snyder.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers Gerald, Donald, and George.