

The Life of Robert Wehde



Memorial services for Robert "Bob" Wehde, 85, of Aberdeen, will be 10:30 a.m., Friday, January 15 at the United Methodist Church, Groton. Pastor Thomas Carlson will officiate. Inurnment with military honors will follow in Union Cemetery, Groton. Visitation will be held at the church at 9:00 a.m. on Friday.

Bob died December 21, 2015 at Banner Heart Hospital in Mesa, Arizona.

Robert Darrel Wehde was born on September 14, 1930 in Groton to Andrew and Lillian (Sippel) Wehde. He attended country school and later graduated from Groton High School. Bob was united in marriage with Marian Schinkel on March 20, 1951. To this union a son, Ronald, was born on January 23, 1956. Bob enlisted in the US Army and served from 1953-1955. Following his honorable discharge, Bob returned home to South Dakota, where he farmed north of Groton. On December 14, 1991 he was united in marriage with Mary Ann (Fjelstad) Ellingson at the United Methodist Church in Aberdeen.

Bob was a lifetime member of the United Methodist Church in Groton. He was a 60 year member of Groton Legion Post #39 and also belonged to the Groton Kiwanis Club. He was an avid golfer, and was instrumental in building Olive Grove Golf course. Bob's community mindedness also helped bring new bleachers to the ball field. He enjoyed having coffee with his friends in Groton and Aberdeen and looked forward to spending winters in Arizona where he loved playing volleyball with his many friends there.

Celebrating his life is his wife, Mary Ann of Aberdeen; his step-children: Terry (Susan) Ellingson of Aberdeen, Vicki (Doug) Bierschbach of Brookings, Craig (Marilee) Ellingson of Glendale, AZ; his sister, Donna Cassels of Faulkton and her children – Debbie (Dennis) Bollinger of Savage, MN, Diane (DeWayne) Huska of Faulkton, Cheri Bakewell of Aberdeen, Don (Patsy) Cassels of Clear Lake along with all of their children and grandchildren. Bob is also survived by Marian's numerous nieces and nephews as well as (10) step-grandchildren and (12) step-great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were his parents, his first wife, Marian in 1991 and their son, Ronald in 2003.