

Gerald M. Wilber, 85

Gerald M. "Weary" Wilber, 85, Ferney, died Friday, Oct. 16, 2009 at the home of his daughter.

Private inurnment will be at Riverside Cemetery. Family greeted friends Monday evening at Spitzer-Miller Funeral Home, Aberdeen.

Gerald Wilber was born May 31, 1924 at Aberdeen, SD, to Vernon T. and Frances Delilah (Jarrett) Wilber. He attended school in Aberdeen. He entered the U.S. Navy in June 1941 and was honorably discharged in December 1945.

He married Lorraine Hoeft in Custer, SD, July 17, 1953. He worked at the Army base in Igloo, SD, until 1965, transferring to Eagle River, Alaska. He worked at Fort Richardson Army Base, until his retirement in 1979. He moved back to South Dakota, and was a longtime Ferney resident. He resided at Gellhaus Carehaus and later moved to his daughter's home.

"Weary" was an avid hunter, fisherman, bowler, card player and reader. He will also be remembered for his dry sense of humor, his devilish smile and one liners.

Grateful for having shared his life are his children, Timothy Wilber, Sauk Rapids, Minn.; Douglas (Mary) Wilber, Wasilla, Alaska; John (Suzanne) Wilber, Jacksonville, NC; Lorinda (Shawn) Millim, Groton.; 11 grandchildren, Jennifer, Jared, Elizabeth, Zachary, Benjamin, Catherine, Rebecka, Rachel, McKiley, Michaila and Daltyn; two great grandchildren, Kaleb and Peyton; and one sister, Donna (Al) Roehr, Sacramento, Calif.

He is preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Lorraine in 2005; and brother, Douglas.