

March 30, 2012

## **The Life of Bob Dedrickson**

- Robert "Bob" Dedrickson of Groton died Monday, Mar. 26, 2012 at Avera McKennan Hospital, Sioux Falls.
- Funeral service will be held at 2 p.m., Sat., March 31 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Groton, with the Rev. Elizabeth Johnson officiating. Burial will be in Webster Cemetery, Webster.
- Visitation will be from 5-8 Fri., Mar 30 at Coester Funeral Home, Webster with a Prayer service at 7. Visitation will resume again one hour prior to the services at the church.
- Robert Franklin Dedrickson was born to Jacob & Laura



(Mork) Dedrickson at Bristol, SD on March 11, 1933. He was the youngest of five children. Bob was baptized into the Lutheran faith at Bergen Lutheran Church, rural Bristol and was confirmed at St. John's Lutheran Church, Webster. He grew up in Webster and graduated from Webster High School. Bob received his bachelor's and master's degrees in mathematics from Northern State University, Aberdeen.

- Bob's first teaching job was in Benson, MN where he enjoyed these 15 years of teaching junior high math. He also taught in Roslyn and was the principal in Henry, SD. During the summer months Bob would work with his dad in the carpentry business. Bob then started his insurance career with Sons of Norway followed by Lutheran Brotherhood. He retired in 1997. During this time he also worked as a funeral assistant for over 35 years for formerly Mohs Funeral Home and now Coester Funeral Home, Webster.
- Bob was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Groton where he served as financial secretary for many years.
- On July 8, 1984 Bob was united in marriage to Janet Sigdestad at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Groton. His love extended to Janet's daughters, Aletta and Allison. At that time, the family moved to Groton where Bob and Jan continue to live.
- Bob excelled in sports throughout high school, especially in basketball. He loved to relive the "Bearcat" victories. His hobbies and interests included fishing, golfing, gardening, spending time at the lake, and being with friends and family, especially his grandkids.
- He will be sadly missed by his wife of Groton; his daughters Aletta (Josh) Kraft, Britton and Allison (Renny) Tank, Britton; his two brothers Clarence, Webster and Jim (Judy), Sioux Falls; his grandchildren Karsten and Emma Kraft and Annika and Tiana Tank.
- Preceding Bob in death were his parents, brother Tom, and sister Idella.