

February 10, 2006

Obit: Bill Morton

- Services for William "Bill" Morton, 66, of Conde will be 2:00pm, Saturday, February 11th at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ferney. Rev. Lloyd Redhage will officiate. Burial will follow in St. Paul's Cemetery under the direction of Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton.
- Visitation will be held at the chapel from 4-8 pm on Friday with a prayer service at 6:00pm. Visitation will continue Saturday at the church.
- William Allen Morton was born on July 29, 1939 in Aberdeen to Romeo and Ruth (Gooding) Morton. He grew up in Groton, where he attended school. Bill was united in marriage to Darlene Pigors on June 8, 1958 at St. John's Lutheran Church, Groton. They made their home in the



Groton area. Bill worked for many area farmers until 1961 when he was injured in a farm accident. Bill and his family then moved to Fargo, ND, where Bill attended Barber College. After graduation, Bill worked at Fritz's Barber Shop until the spring of 1967 when they moved to Aneta, ND, where Bill opened his own shop. In the fall of 1968, they moved to Poplar Grove, Illinois, where Bill worked at the Chrysler Corp in Belvidere, IL. Then in 1976, they moved back to South Dakota where Bill was a custodian at Conde Public School and SDDC-Redfield until his retirement in July of 2004. Bill also shod horses for 40 years. Bill died February 7, 2006 at his residence in Conde, after a courageous battle with cancer.

- Bill was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ferney, where he taught Sunday School and was Sunday School Superintendent. He also drove school bus and served as an EMT in Conde. Bill enjoyed fishing, bow hunting, bowling, raising and riding horses, family camping trips and spending time with his grandchildren and great-granddaughter.
- Grateful for having shared his life is his wife, Darlene of Conde, two sons; Tim (Rose) Morton of Revillo, Todd (Peggy) Morton of Milbank, three daughters; Heidi (Doug) Krueger of Groton, Valerie Rush of Littleton, CO, Nona DesChamp of Florida, two sisters; Judy (Jim) Zeck of Conde, Bonnie McGuire of Belvidere, IL, nine grandchildren; Scott, Troy, Billie Jo, Josh, Zack, Jeff, Jamie, Dylan and Shaun, one great-granddaughter, Ava Rose and many nieces and nephews.
- Preceding him in death were his parents, one son and one grandson.
- Casketbearers will be Jim Zeck, Rich Zeck, Bob McGuire, Bill McGuire, Chuck McGuire and Rick Pigors.