

## The Life of Bert Raap



Services for Bert Raap, 87, of Groton will be 11:00 a.m., Saturday, March 3rd at the Groton United Methodist Church. Rev. Thomas Carlson will officiate. Burial with military honors will follow in Sunset Memorial Gardens, Aberdeen under the direction of Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton.

Visitation will be held at the chapel on Friday from 5-7 p.m. with a prayer service at 7:00 p.m.

Bert passed away March 1, 2018 at Avera St. Lukes Hospital, Aberdeen.

Harry Bert was born on August 1, 1930 in Andover to Harry and Lucy (Mielke) Raap. He attended school in Andover, graduating in 1949. He enlisted with the United States Army and served from January of 1953-1955. Following his honorably discharge, Bert returned to Andover where he farmed with his father and brother. He was united in marriage with Darlene Sturm on June 2, 1951 in Hancock, Minnesota. Together, they were blessed with three children. Bert was a farmer at heart, caring for the land and livestock. He retired and moved into Groton in 2000. Bert married Janice

Fenhaus on August 15, 2009.

Bert was a member of the United Methodist Church in Andover, and later in Groton. He enjoyed playing cards and bowling. Bert loved animals, especially his pet dogs.

Celebrating his life is his wife, Janice of Groton, three children, Tamara (George) Eberle of Watertown, Trudy (Barry) Smith of Andover, Torre (Denise) Raap of Andover, six grandchildren: Jody Heinemann and fiancé Eddie Haskell, Ryan (Kandi) Smith, Rene (Dan) Waldman, Whitney (Bryan) Sombke, Bryce Raap, Jeff Ringgenberg, two step-granddaughters, Christine Eberle and Michelle (Jon) Boer, 9 great-grandchildren: Mitchell, Zack, Alex Heinemann, Alexis and Alivia Ringgenberg, Hailey and Jaiden Smith, Jackson Waldman, Maryn Sombke and Baby Sombke. Bert is also survived by his four step-children, David Pauli, Darcy Dahlgren, Jody (Jim) Berg and Jennifer Knopp, 14 step-great-grandchildren, Chelsie Peterson, Tory Pauli, Carissa Pauli, Dustin Dahlgren, Derrick Dahlgren, Devin Dahlgren, Jared Berg, Jordan Berg, Jacob Berg, Savannah Berg, Lincoln Boer, Quinn Boer, Camden Rhodes and Reagan Rhodes. his siblings, Pat Lackey of Fayetteville, Arkansas, Joan VanDyke of Sioux Falls, Chuck (LaVonne) Raap of Groton, Laurel (Bob) Kost of Ft. Collins, Colorado, Kay (Lyle) Kranzler of Sioux Falls, Jerry (Carol) Raap of Andover, Tom Raap of Sioux Falls, Allana (Frank) Novotney of Windsor, Nebraska and Steven Raap of Yankton.

Preceding him in death were his parents and his first wife, Darlene in 2004.

Honorary Casketbearers will be Members of the Senior Citizens.

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