

Frank was born on November 5, 1929 in Karlsruhe, ND, the son of Jacob and Regina (Boehm) Merck. He grew up on farms in the Karlsruhe area and graduated from Karlsruhe High School. In 1952 he entered the US Army and served in the Korean War.

After his honorable discharge from the military, he worked for Westland Oil, Rice Distributing, Magic City Beverage and Western Steel. He retired in 1994. After retirement, he took on private painting jobs throughout the community.

On October 19, 1954 at Little Flower Catholic Church in Minot he married the former Beatrice Klein.

Frank was an avid sports fan and took great joy in spending time with family and friends. He cherished his grandchildren and enjoyed playing ball with them in his backyard.

During his life, he took on a number of odd jobs for elderly women, who treated him like their own son.

Frank was a gifted athlete in his own right, excelling at basketball and baseball. Even while playing in old pro softball games, Frank was still slugging home runs.

Frank enjoyed watching his grandchildren participate in church and school activities and he was their hero and best buddy.

Frank had a joy for life and loved people. He greeted friends and strangers alike with a smile and a handshake or a pat on the back.

Frank loved his country, having served in the US Army, and was proud to be from the state of North Dakota.

He was a loving father who would do anything for his children. He guided them to adulthood with a gentle caring hand.

Frank was a devoted husband, and Beatrice was the love of his life. They shared so many good years together and were united in their Faith and love for the Lord.

He will be dearly missed by his family and friends.

Frank was a charter member of Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, Minot. He was also a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Knights of Columbus and the Moose Lodge all of Minot.

Frank Edward Merck

Date and Place of Birth
November 5, 1929 Karlsruhe, ND

Date and Place of Death
November 6, 2007 Minot ND

Vigil Prayer Service
Our Lady of Grace Catholic
Church, Minot, ND

Mass of Christian Burial
Our Lady of Grace Catholic
Church, Minot, ND

Thursday, Nov. 8, 2007- 7:00 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9, 2007- 10:00 a.m.

Service Participants

Father Bruce Krebs - Celebrant of the Liturgies

Music

Processional Hymn: "Be Not Afraid" #432

Offertory Hymn: "Here I Am Lord" #373

Communion Hymn: "On Eagle's Wings" #437

Commendation: "Song of Farewell" #851

Recessional Hymn: "The Strife Is O'er" #607

Cindy Volk, Song Leader

Jeanne Artz, Organist

Honorary Bearers

Frank's family and friends

Active Bearers

Tom Hegre James Merck Gary Burckhard

Chuck Merck Garth Klein Mike Merck

Final Resting Place

Rosehill Memorial Park ~Minot, North Dakota

Those wishing to attend the graveside service are asked to drive with both headlights and hazard lights "ON". Please follow the vehicle in front of you as close as safety permits. Once at the cemetery please double park and follow the family to the graveside for the final prayers.

Following the funeral service, there will be a time of fellowship and lunch in the fellowship hall of the church. Everyone is invited to join the family for this time.

Our family would like to thank all of you for your many acts of kindness. Your thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated during this most difficult time. May God bless the memory of Frank.