

Dale G. Mellum

Dale became a independent general agent forming Dakota Insurance. Dale recently recalled that he found this a noble profession as he was caring for families and their future security. In the last few months, Dale often verbalized his love of people and his work was a clear extension of that love. He continued as sole owner of the business until 1999, when he entered into partnership with Gaylin Schmidt, forming GPC Properties. The pair tackled major remodeling and restoration of a building which once housed an implement and dealership and offices, located at Third Street East near Central Ave, in Minot's downtown Renaissance District. The office building is now named the Renaissance Center. Dale and Gaylin's partnership also owned and operated The View, an assisted living structure in Minot, and Maple Views I and II in Bismarck, both of which are Alzheimer's care facilities. Dale was also the sole owner of Property Partners, which owned and managed Emerald Court, an Alzheimer's care facility in Scottsbluff, NE. His entrepreneurial spirit held a sense of vision and creative instinct. He built quality into all that he did and took honest pride in the result of his undertakings.

Dale approached life with a broad sense of humor. Many have remarked on his ability to make people of all persuasions and ages feel worthy and at ease through his true curiosity to hear your story. He educated himself on and appreciated spirited political discussions. He took great pride creating gourmet meals for others. Dale enjoyed driving the city, fine cigar in hand, with the music of Sinatra or B.B. King by his side.

He told his family that the most meaningful aspects in his life were his roles as a loving husband, proud father of six, and an adoring grandfather. Family was everything, he said, and he closely followed the activities of his children and grandchild. He set out to live by the Ten Commandments and The Golden Rule. He was a good friend, giving many the strength they needed.

He was a member of Little Flower Catholic Church, the Minot Elks Lodge and the Minot Country Club. He sang with the Change of Pace Singers.



Born Into Earthly Life

September 5, 1949

Minot, North Dakota

Vigil Prayer Service

Little Flower Catholic Church

Minot, North Dakota

Wed, May 21, 2008 - 7:30 p.m.

Born Into Eternal Life

May 15, 2008

Minot, North Dakota

Mass of Christian Burial

Little Flower Catholic Church

Minot, North Dakota

Thurs, May 22, 2008 - 11:00 a.m.

Service Participants

Father Fred Harvey - Celebrant of the Liturgies

Father Paul Cervinski - Concelebrant

Katie Fontaine and Dione Bohl - Readers

Ann Mills and M.J. Doll - Gift Bearers

Music

Processional Hymn: "Amazing Grace"

Offertory Hymn: "Loving and Forgiving"

Communion Hymn: "Lead Me Lord" & "All Are Welcome"

Commendation: "Song of Farewell"

Recessional Hymn: "On Eagle's Wings"

Vocalists, Ricardo McCurley, Dione Bohl, Chris Bieri

Organist, Jeanne Artz

Honorary Bearers

Dale's family and friends

Active Bearers

Gaylin Schmidt

Scott Lucas

Bill Lang

Craig Kondos

Terry Kongelf

Bruce Bibow

Ron Bieri

Len Dammel

Final Resting Place

Rosehill Memorial Park ~Minot, North Dakota

Friday, May 23, 2008 - 3:00 pm

Following the funeral service, please join the family for a time of fellowship and lunch at Little Flower School.

Our family is honored by your presence today. God has given us comfort in the form of good friends. Thank you for your many acts of kindness. Your thoughts and prayers have given us strength and courage. May God's peace be with you.

Thompson-Larson Funeral Home, Minot, North Dakota