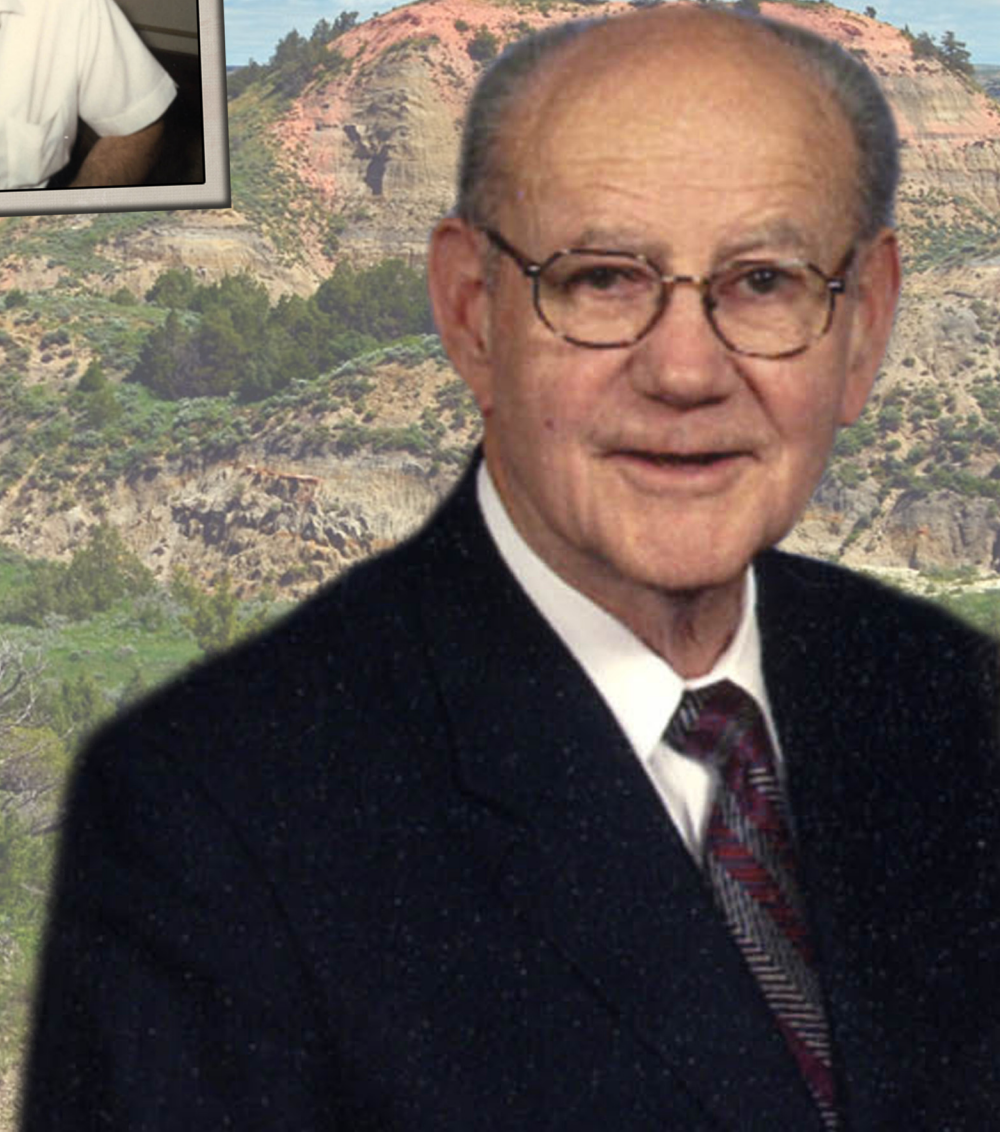


Thomas F. Murtha, veteran, 3rd generation attorney, and lifelong advocate for justice, passed away at the age of 82 on January 15, 2017 at St. Benedicts Health Center. He is survived by his wife of 49 years Katherine (Miklautsch) Murtha, their sons, Thomas F. IV (Janilyn) of Dickinson, J. Patrick (Dana) of Northfield, MN, Daniel (Sarah) of Plymouth, MN, and William of Dickinson, his daughter Sherry Ashby of Reno, NV, and 12 grandchildren Gregory, Justin, Katie, Chase, Gabbie, Oscar, Max, Thomas F. V, Gwyneth, Hazel, Brooklyn, and Rhiannon. He was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas F. and Mary Gladys (Gearty) Murtha; his daughters Connaught and Mary Katherine; brother, Patrick; and sister Maureen (Murtha) Calcaterra. Thomas was born January 17, 1934 in Dickinson, North Dakota. He entered the US Army following high school graduation, serving from 1954-1956. During that time he earned the National Defense Service Medal and the Army of Occupation Medal (Germany). Subsequent to his service he attended the University of North Dakota and Dickinson State University. Thomas and Katherine (Karen) married on June 19, 1967. Thomas notably began his law career in 1966 being the last attorney admitted to the North Dakota bar after serving a law office apprenticeship without also attending law school. Thus began a law career that spanned five decades and was filled with the relentless commitment to help and advocate for justice on behalf of others. Thomas was presented the Light of Justice award in 2004, by the North Dakota Trial Lawyers Association in recognition of his lifelong contribution to the cause of protecting the rights of injured persons. Thomas will be remembered by many for being the voice for those who had none.



Thomas F. Murtha

January 17, 1934 - January 15, 2017



Thomas F. Murtha

FUNERAL MASS:

Tuesday, January 24, 2017 10:00 a.m.
Queen of Peace Catholic Church
Dickinson, North Dakota

ROSARY & PRAYER SERVICE:

Monday, January 23, 2017 7:00 p.m.
Stevenson Funeral Home
Dickinson, North Dakota
Deacon Ron Wolberg

CELEBRATING:

Father Shannon Lucht

MUSIC:

Michelle Schock

READERS:

William G. Murtha Daniel J. Murtha
Thomas F. Murtha IV

GIFT BEARERS:

J. Patrick Murtha Chase Murtha
Gabrielle Murtha

PALLBEARERS:

William G. Murtha Daniel J. Murtha
Thomas F. Murtha IV J. Patrick Murtha

MILITARY RITES:

Dickinson American Legion
Post #3

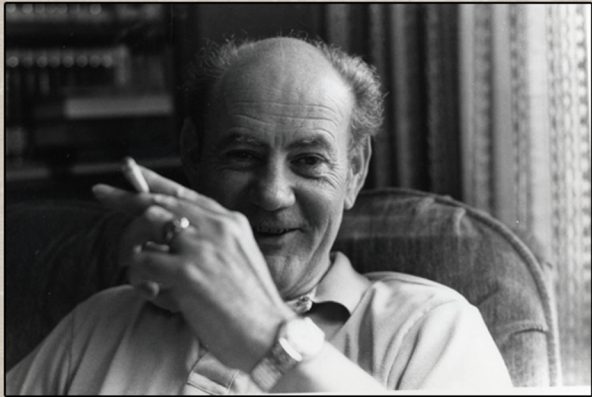
INTERMENT:

Spring Burial
St. Patrick's Cemetery

ARRANGEMENTS BY:

Stevenson Funeral Home
Dickinson, North Dakota

Lunch will be served at the church
following the funeral mass.
Everyone is welcome.



Sunset and evening star,
And one clear call for me!
And may there be no moaning of the bar,
When I put out to sea,

But such a tide as moving seems asleep,
Too full for sound and foam,
When that which drew from out the
boundless deep
Turns again home.

Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark!
And may there be no sadness of farewell,
When I embark;

For tho' from out our bourne of Time
and Place
The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have crost the bar.

