

The Last Round

It was a day just like any other fall day on the course. Cool, sunny, with just a gust of or two of wind. He loaded his clubs into the cart one last time and drove off towards the first hole.

He stood in the tee box and took a long look around before putting his ball onto the tee. He'd miss this game, this course. It was never just a game.

He chose each club carefully, hitting towards the green, one shot at a time. The hooks and slices didn't grate as much as usual.

The greens were slow. The grass was probably as tired as he was. But they were both still out there catching some sun and blowing in the breeze.

His drives never went farther. His chipping was spot on. Leaves floated away from their branches, dancing along the fairway. It was just him and the ball and eighteen holes to make their way to the end.

He lined up his putt, just eight inches from the hole on the last green. It'd been a good one. No complaints. He tapped it in, gingerly bent over, plucked out the ball, and put it into his pocket.

He climbed into the cart, having finished his last round, and with a smile on his face he headed back to the clubhouse where his loved ones were waiting.

*Poem by Mandy (Joersz) Dendy
Granddaughter*



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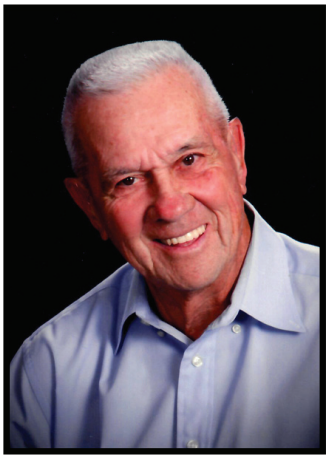
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IN LOVING MEMORY

WALLY JOERSZ

1933 ~ 2020





Wallace Henry Elmer Irvin (Wally) Joersz passed away on October 31, 2020 at Sanford Health in Bismarck.

Wally was born June 10, 1933 to William and Florence (Keller) Joersz at Almont, ND. He worked for his father at the Almont grocery store. In 1949, the family moved to Mandan when his father opened Bill's Super Valu. Wally, along with his brothers, Marv and Bob, worked in the daily grocery business alongside their father. All of them remained lifelong Mandan residents.

Wally was drafted in 1953, serving two years in the Army. During this time, on December 28, 1953, he married his high school sweetheart, Eileen Jewel Hunke at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Mandan.

Their union was blessed in the next decade with seven wonderful sons, and their marriage spanned nearly 67 loving years.

Wally and his brothers bought Bill's Super Valu from their father in 1969, and continued working and expanding the business until they retired in 1997.

Wally was an avid supporter of Mandan, enthusiastically supporting a wide range of individual and group fund raisers. He was instrumental in combining the Bismarck and Mandan Chambers of Commerce, serving as the first chairman. Wally also served for many years on the following organizations: Mandan School Board, Mandan Hospital Board, Medcenter One Board, Fort Lincoln Foundation, Bismarck State College Board, Mandan Jaycees, North Dakota Grocers Association, and National Grocers Association. He also served two terms on the National Advisory Council of the US Small Business Administration (SBA) and as a trustee at the University of Mary. Wally was proud to serve the Mandan community in many other ways and capacities. He always gave generously and told people it comes back 10 fold.

Wally had a passion for sports, playing basketball and baseball which included pitching a no-hitter for the Mandan city team. At a very young age, he became an avid Boston Red Sox fan as well as a Green Bay Packer fan. For many years he enjoyed bowling and golfing. Golf accomplishments included 5 holes-in-one all on hole number 7 and all done with the 7 iron (2 at Prairie West, 2 at Apple Creek, and 1 at Kauai, Hawaii). Wally was a lifetime Mandan Brave supporter and could be regularly "HEARD" at many events.

Wally is survived by his loving wife, Eileen; sons, Garry (Julie), Randy (Marla) all from Mandan, Kyle (Jan) from Bismarck, Ron from Apple Valley, MN, Dale from Scottsdale, AZ, and Jay (Jaci) from Sioux Falls, SD; 30 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; one brother, Robert "Bob" of Mandan; two sisters, Janet (Dave) Lunde of Bellingham, WA and Karen (Dick) Nolan of Tucson, AZ; and many nieces and nephews.

Wally was preceded in death by his parents and grandparents; son, Tim; brother, Marvin; two sisters-in-law, Donna and Lucille; and three great-grandsons.

A Celebration of Wally's life will be held later in summer 2021 with a memorial golf tournament.

Please go to www.BuehlerLarson.com to share memories of Wally.

Private Funeral Service

Thursday, November 5, 2020; 10:00 am

View the live stream on Wally's obituary page at www.BuehlerLarson.com

The service will also be recorded and available to view after the service.

Officiating Pastor

Reverend Dan Paulson

Musician

Loretta White

Vocalist

Kami Bauer

Casketbearers

Mandy Dendy, Charlie Dendy, Justin Johnson

Dustin Gangl, Bryan Joersz, Carter Baker

Michael Schaff Jr., & Ally Joersz

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF WALLY JOERSZ

Gathering

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Hymn

"Amazing Grace"

Prayer of the Day

Reading of Obituary

Readings

Psalm 23

Romans 8:31-35, 37-39

John 14:1-6

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

"On Eagle's Wings"

Apostle's Creed

Prayers of Intercession

Lord's Prayer

Hymn

"How Great Thou Art"

Commendation

Benediction

Hymn

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

Dismissal

Burial will be at Mandan Union Cemetery immediately following the funeral service.