



## Moody M. Farhart

December 22, 1926 - April 17, 2017

### MOODY M. FARHART

Moody M. Farhart, 90, died April 17, 2017 at the Eckstein Center – Hospice of the Valley, Scottsdale, Arizona.

He was born near Ross, North Dakota on December 22, 1926, the son of Boalley and Rose (Lynch) Farhart. He was the fourth of eleven children.

From 1950-1952, he served in the Korean War as a paratrooper in the 11th Airborne Division. For his service, he received a Certificate of Merit.

Upon honorable discharge, he attended the University of North Dakota. In 1957, he earned a Bachelor of Philosophy degree and in 1959, he earned his Juris Doctorate Degree. At UND, he held memberships in the Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity and in the Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

In 1959, Moody came to Minot and opened up his law practice. During this time, he served as police magistrate and, for two years as Ward County Assistant States Attorney. He practiced law for nearly 50 years. Following his retirement, he moved to Anthem, Arizona.

He married Bonnie Jean Johnson in Fargo on December 19, 1966. They had two children, Matthew Clark and Elizabeth Jean. Later in life, they adopted their granddaughter, Alexandria.

Moody was a long time member of the First Lutheran Church in Minot. He was an active member of the American North Dakota and Ward County Bar Associations, the American Trial Lawyers Association, Minot Exchange Club, Elks, Moose lodges, Magic City Toastmasters, YMCA, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the William G. Carroll Post of the American Legion in Minot. In the 1960's, he was named Commander of the Legion Post.

He especially loved his family, the land and his law practice. Moody lit up a room when he entered it. He was quick - witted, loyal and extremely generous. He loved going into the Courtroom and engaging in lively debate.

Moody is survived by his wife of 50 years, Bonnie; son, Matthew, Anthem, AZ; daughters, Elizabeth (Brad), Scottsdale, AZ and Alexandria, Phoenix, AZ; grandson, Ben; sisters, Rita Terhune (Frank), Bolivar, MS, Ida Brewer (John), Kingsland, TX, Louise Edland (Jim), Pilot Point, TX; brothers, Joe Farhart, Minot, ND, Hap Farhart, Laguna Vista, TX.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Ann, Nora and Nedde, and brothers, Al and Denny.

Funeral Service: Monday, April 24, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. at Oliver Nathan Funeral Chapel, Valley City, North Dakota.

Interment: Waldheim Cemetery, Kathryn, North Dakota.

Memorials: In lieu of flowers, the family prefers memorials to the Eckstein Center – Hospice of the Valley, 9808 N. 95th Street, Scottsdale, Arizona, 85258.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel, Valley City. An online guestbook for Moody can be found [www.oliver-nathanchapel.com](http://www.oliver-nathanchapel.com)

# Cemetery

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# Events

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**Waldheim Cemetery**

Kathryn, ND,

**APR Visitation 09:30AM - 10:30AM**

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Oliver Nathan Funeral Chapel

251 Central Ave. S., Valley City, ND, US, 58072

**APR Funeral Service 10:30AM**

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# Comments

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“ I was a neighbor of Denny. And each spring Moody would come and help in some way. With spring seeding. drive truck, or farm implements. And, never failed, he would visit, and reminiscing. How Ag. Had changed. I will miss a Friend.

**Jerald Meiers** - April 29, 2017 at 04:34 AM

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“ I'm grateful for my memories of my Uncle Moody. While he lived 90 years, it still feels too soon for him to leave this world. However, I'm comforted in knowing Grandma, Grandpa, Aunts Annie, Nora, Nedde, Uncles Al and Denny as well as nieces, Vicki and Linda, and nephew, Steve were there to greet him. I believe each soul enters the Earth school for the purpose of expansion. As family members we offer one another the experiences required to learn our life lessons. While challenging, it's ultimately a loving gesture to serve in such capacity. The Farhart name represents strength and perseverance through a willingness to sacrifice and do what is required. Accordingly, I celebrate past, present and future generations.

Sending peace, love and healing prayers to Uncle Moody as he makes his transition and to Aunt Bonnie and Cousins Lexi, Matt & Elizabeth for their loss

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With love,  
Cousin Penny

**Penny Fairhart** - April 23, 2017 at 11:17 PM

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“ Condolences to the family from Charles and Sylvia hartleib and family. From all the good times he has served for us and all the good things he has done in this law practice. Hope everything is going fine

**charles hartleib** - April 23, 2017 at 02:48 PM

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“ Tami and Brad Farhart Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Moody M. Farhart.



**Tami and Brad Farhart Family** - April 22, 2017 at 11:31 PM

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“ A few days ago I lost a friend, mentor and partner in business. I was a partner in Moody's law firm for 28 years. He hired me right out of law school and had faith in me to train me for trial work. I will always be grateful that he gave me a profession that I was very proud of. He was the best mentor one could have; he was generous, kind, and had great common sense.

I will never forget the advice he gave me as I was practicing a Supreme Court argument to be given the next day. He said my presentation was legalistic but overlooked a simple fact of the case. It involved using the dictionary definition of a word in the contract, rather than the legal definition. The next day, before the court, I added Moody's comments to my presentation. When the court's opinion came out the court had actually adopted Moody's suggestion as the basis of the opinion.

In all the years together we never had an argument and he supported me in any decision I made on the case. After we moved to North Carolina in 2000, I taught paralegal classes at a community college. I used the advice acquired over the years from Moody and passed it on to the younger generation.

We kept in touch over the years and most recently spoke by phone a few weeks before his 90th birthday. He was his typical positive self. I told him I owed my entire professional career to him and how I appreciated everything he did for me. I will miss him greatly but he will forever be a big part of my life.

Steven Lian

**Steven Lian** - April 22, 2017 at 09:42 AM

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“ Your Oregon cousins. Julle, Jody, Janny, Billy purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Moody M. Farhart.



Your Oregon cousins. Julle, Jody, Janny, Billy - April 21, 2017 at 01:56 PM

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“ bon voyage bro purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Moody M. Farhart.



bon voyage bro - April 21, 2017 at 10:21 AM

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“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Moody M. Farhart.



April 20, 2017 at 06:30 PM

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“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Moody M. Farhart.



April 20, 2017 at 04:02 PM

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“ Dear Bonnie & Family,

I was very saddened to read that Moody had passed. It was a great experience working for and with him at Farhart Law Firm. He was a great employer and was always willing to share his vast knowledge and experience. My condolences to you and your entire family.

Donna Seright

Donna Seright - April 19, 2017 at 08:10 PM

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“ Dear Bonnie. Sad news to learn of Moody's passing and I send my condolences. It is hard to lose a classmate and friend

paul kloster - April 20, 2017 at 11:33 AM

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“ Aunt Bonnie, Cousins Matt and Beth,  
I will hold the special memories of Uncle Moody near my heart. May our Lord God be with you as you grieve a remarkable man. I know my Dad welcomed him to heaven.  
Sincere prayers and love,  
Tami Farhart Solberg

Tami Solberg - April 19, 2017 at 07:57 PM

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“ Bonnie, Matt and Beth, I am sorry to hear that Moody passed away. We had a very successful law partnership for 23 years. I plan to attend his funeral on Monday to pay my respects. God bless you all and God bless his soul. Jim (Big Max to Moody)  
Maxson

jim maxson - April 19, 2017 at 05:13 PM

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“ Dear Bonnie & family - I am truly sorry to read that Moody has passed. He had a very good sense of humor and a hardy laugh which I totally enjoyed. Over the years, I have chuckled to myself about the good times had by all of us who worked there. It was a very special time in my life during my 28 years there. I was very blessed to have good employers and Moody was one of the very best. And you, Beth, will always be exceptionally special to me. It was a joy to work with you because of your endearing smile, personality and wit. I have thought of you many times over the years and hope life has been good to you. You all have my condolences during this very difficult time.

Wanda Bjordahl

Wanda Bjordahl - April 19, 2017 at 12:33 PM