



## Robert Koering

January 20, 1926 - May 25, 2010

Robert Koering was born January 20, 1926 to Henry and Minnie (Ventz) Koering of Hillsboro, ND. He grew up on the family farm north of Hillsboro with his three brothers and five sisters.

Robert was educated at Hillsboro. Upon graduation he entered the US Navy in 1944. Bob served in both the Atlantic and Pacific Theatres. He served on the USS Hermitage, a large troop transport ship making numerous trips from New York to London and New York to France. In the Pacific Theatre, the Hermitage made trips from San Francisco to Hawaii, Guam and off the shores of Japan. After the USS Hermitage, Bob served on the USS Earle and the USS Adams, destroyer escorts.

Upon his return home, Robert began working in Mayville for Trail County Electric (commercial and farm electrification).

He married Marian Thompson of Hatton, ND on April 2, 1949. Soon after that he joined the firm of Electrical Builders Inc. of Valley City, ND. In the late 1950's he worked for Diversified Electric with Leon Bellmore in the Bottineau, Westhope and Newburg areas, electrifying oil wells and pumping stations. He returned to Valley City working for Electrical Builders, Inc. as a partner. They specialized in commercial and power sub stations, construction and wiring. Robert worked on projects in ND, SD, MT, WI, WY, NE, IA, and MN. Marian and Robert moved to Valley City in 1964. He retired in 1990 after 42 years in the electrical business. Bob and Marian lived in many areas where Bob's work took them, making friends all along the way.

Robert served as an usher at Our Savior's Lutheran Church for many years. He was a member of many groups and organizations such as the Elks, Eagles, American Legion, VFW, Valley City State V500 Club, and the Valley Country Club. Robert enjoyed golfing with his senior group, sports, putting up Christmas lights, working with flowers, playing cards, listening to big band music, attending concerts and reading.

Bob is survived by his wife, Marian of 61 years; three sisters, Bernice Christianson of Hillsboro, ND, Irene Peters of CA and Eloise Koering of Fargo, ND; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Mildred and Velma; and brothers, Herman, Ervin and Walter.



# Events

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**MAY**   **Visitation**   04:00PM - 07:00PM

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Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel  
251 Central Ave. S., Valley City, ND, US

**MAY**   **Service**   10:30AM

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Our Savior's Lutheran Church  
138 3rd St. NW, Valley City, ND, US

# Comments

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“ My sympathy to the family. Marion & Bobbi Jo - I have been thinking of you especially this past week. I will always remember Bob and his laughter and spirit. Take care- gerri

**Gerri & Dale Harris** - June 04, 2010 at 09:29 AM

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“ Marion,

We have many great memories of Uncle Bob. He was a hero figure to me when I was growing up. Everyone will miss him. Bob was very special to my mom, Bernice, from the moment he was born to his latest visit to her in Hillsboro.

God Bless

**Doug Christianson** - June 04, 2010 at 09:17 AM

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“ Marion, So sorry for your loss! BOBBY, as I always heard him called, was a brother of my Uncle Ervin (Helen was my Dad's sister) and I do remember you guys at many Koering family celebrations at the Hillsboro farm. Congratulations on your 61 year marriage. I was lucky enough to attend Ann Koering Warner's wedding on May 21 so got to see my Koering cousins. My sympathy is with you at this sad time. I am Marvyl Strassberg of the Kenny and Dorohy Halvorson family from Hillsboro.

**marvyl Strassberg** - May 27, 2010 at 03:48 PM

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“ Marian,

We can still hear Bob laugh. You know that deep gut laugh. We enjoyed being neighbors with you. We will always treasure Bob's care for us even to the point of planting a flowering plant so we could view it out our kitchen window.

Our prayers are with you.

Love you Marian!!

Deacon Joe & Deb Leitner

**Deacon Joe & Deb Leitner** - May 26, 2010 at 02:50 PM

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“ Dear Family of Bob

Please accept my sincere sympathy on the passing of Bob. I know that it is always hard to say goodbye for now but take comfort in that he is not suffering and in a better place.

Tom Goven

**Tom Goven** - May 26, 2010 at 02:05 PM

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“ Marian, So sorry for your loss. We will miss seeing Bob's smiling face in the building.

Ron and Tracey Dahl

**Tracey & Ron Dahl** - May 25, 2010 at 05:44 PM