Joseph Berger

October 10, 1920 - May 14, 2011

Joseph Anthony Berger, the son of George and Maria (Baumann) Berger, was born October 10th, 1920 in Dazey ND. He attended Sibley Trail School in the rural Dazey area. Following his schooling, he went to work with his Dad on the Family farm, while also working for other local farmers.

On October 11, 1945, he married Maxine Marjorie Asmus of Binford, ND at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Dazey. She was the local school teacher at the time. They made their home with Joe's parents on their farm east of Dazey. Joe took over the Spring Valley family farm following his parents' retirement. Joe and Maxine moved to Valley City, ND in 1994, living initially at 441 7th Ave. NE. Shortly after Maxine's death in 2006, Joe moved to the Rudolph Square apartments. In 2010 he spent several months with his oldest son Henry on his farm in the Luverne, ND area. In October of 2010, he moved to the Sheyenne Care Center.

Joe was one of the Charter members of the Dazey Sod Busters club, where he took over as the club's little league baseball coach and men's league umpire. He thoroughly enjoyed singing, initially as a member of the St. Mary's all men's church choir. Later he joined the Valley City Troubadours singing with them for several years. Joe was the community butcher for much of the St. Mary's neighborhood and an avid gardener. He was also a lifetime member of the Knights of Columbus and Eagles Club.

Joe died at the Sheyenne Care Center in Valley City on May 14, 2011. He is survived by his four sons; Henry (Barbara) of Luverne, ND, Jerome (Kathy)

Berger of Osseo, MN, Dean Berger of Custer, SD, George (Cindy) Berger of Valley City; 10 grandchildren, Jason Berger, Lisa Norton, Tricia Christensen, Jill Berger, Jeremy Berger, Kelly Gasper, Kerry Fillebrandt, Ryan Berger, Adam Berger and Bridget Berger; 1 great grandchild, Eric Christensen; and 3 sisters, Pauline of St. Paul, MN and Frances and Julia of Green Bay, WI.
He is preceded in death by his wife, his parents; 2 brothers Bill and Edward: and 3 sisters Mathilda, Theresa and Katie.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **20**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
Dazey, ND

Service

MAY **21**. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
Dazey, ND

Tribute Wall

Oliver - Nathan Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Joseph Berger

Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel - May 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

I met Joe in Summer 1997 when I and my brother Thomas visited our uncle Georg Amann, a good friend of Joe. I hold Joe in my memory as a cheerful and kind-hearted person ... and as real master of the swabian language.##imported-begin##Michael Hagmann (Tübingen, Germany)##imported-end##

December 20, 2011 at 03:46 AM

My condolences to the family.....I remember Joe as the man who would always be wearing a smile....and it was sincere. He always treated our family with the greatest respect and I only hope he felt the same from us. Whenever I would see him he always had time to talk. Over the years I learned why my mom and dad had friends like Joe and Maxine. Special people!!##imported-begin##Dale Lausch##imported-end##

May 19, 2011 at 06:16 PM

What pleasure it is to know such a good and rightous man,evenbetter to be related to one. Love and Prayers to all. XOX Kathie##imported-begin##Kathie&Tony Candella##imported-end##

May 19, 2011 at 03:48 PM

Remembering Joe coming for Noon meals at Senior Center. May you have many good memories.

Lester Speicher##imported-begin##Lester Speicher##imported-end##

May 17, 2011 at 05:55 PM

You are all in my thoughts and prayers. I'm sure there was a lot of hugs in heaven on Saturday. Sorry we can't be with you Saturday but will be thinking of you all. Sincerely Ruthy##imported-begin##Ruth E. Asmus##imported-end##

May 17, 2011 at 11:50 AM

Joe visited us in Mt Angel Oregon about four years ago. He was such a sweet wonderful man. I am so glad I had the chance to visit with him. He was great friends with Harold and Ann Kraemer too. Harold passed away last year. We will miss them both very much. My sympathy and prayers.
Jeanne
Theresa Amann Wachter was my mother
and Andy was my father. Stem and Veronica were my uncle and aunt.##imported-begin##Jeanne Hannan (Wachter)##imported-end##

May 16, 2011 at 10:03 PM

My thoughts and prayers are with you all. We now have another Angel to watch over us.

With heartfelt condolences,

Monica##imported-begin##Monica Kunze Mohs##imported-end##

May 16, 2011 at 01:22 AM