



Roger Semke Bischoff

May 22, 1935 - August 16, 2016

Roger Semke Bischoff, 81, a true family man and an avid St. Louis Cardinal Baseball fan, died Tuesday evening, August 16, 2016 at Essentia Health, Fargo, ND, with his family by his side.

Roger Semke Bischoff was born May 22, 1935 in Jamestown, ND. He was the son of Clarence and Minna (Semke) Bischoff and was baptized and confirmed at Zion Lutheran Church, Courtenay, ND. Roger grew up on the family farm near Courtenay and attended rural Durham School #3. He graduated from Courtenay High School in 1953 and graduated from Jamestown College in 1957 with a bachelor's degree in business and went on to receive his Master's degree at NDSU. Roger served in the United States Army from October 7, 1958 to September 2, 1960 in Korea. After returning he farmed until mid-2000. He was united in marriage to Marlene Richter on June 10, 1961 in Bismarck, ND. They made their home in Chaffee and Gwinner, ND, where he taught school and in 1967 they moved to Valley City and he was an administrator at North Central School and later Tower City (ND) School. Roger owned several businesses before becoming the owner of Allard Trophy where he enjoyed working until the time of his death.

He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church where he had also served on the church council. He was a life member of the American Legion and VFW, and an Eagles and Elks member. Roger served as a Valley City commissioner from 1978-1986 and was currently a director of the Garrison Diversion Conservancy District which he had been elected to since 2008. He also

served on the Landowners Association of North Dakota board and was past president.

Besides baseball, Roger enjoyed his grandkids, playing a game of pinochle, traveling, hunting and fishing.

Roger is survived by his wife, Marlene; his children and grandchildren, Michele (Bill) Trader, Grand Forks, ND and their family, Jennifer and Matthew; Gregory Bischoff, Valley City; Valerie (Doug) Giles, Abilene, Texas and their family, Benjamin and Aaron; a brother, Gordon (Gail) Bischoff, Jamestown; a brother-in-law, Dick Wilkens, Bismarck, ND; and a sister-in-law, Phyllis Richter, Valley City.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister-in-law, Anita Wilkens, and a brother-in-law, Allen Richter.

The funeral service will be 10 am Saturday, August 20 at Trinity Lutheran Church, Valley City. Burial will be in the Courtenay Cemetery. Visitation will be 5-7 pm Friday at the Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel, Valley City, with a prayer service in the chapel at 7 pm. Visitation will continue one hour before the service in the church.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel. An online guestbook is available at www.oliver-nathanchapel.com

Cemetery Details

Courtenay Cemetery

Courtenay, ND 58426

Previous Events

Prayer Service

AUG 19. 7:00 PM (CT)

Traditions Funeral Services - Oliver Nathan Funeral Chapel
251 Central Ave. S.
Valley City, ND 58072
(701) 845-2414
o-nchapel@bektel.com

Funeral Service

AUG 20. 10:00 AM (CT)

Trinity Lutheran Church
499 - 4th Ave. NW
Valley City, ND

Tribute Wall

JB

“ I wanted to send my prayers to Rogers family at this time of sorrow. I only knew him through horseshoes but he always had a smile and I could tell he enjoyed watching his family play the great game. He always donated trophies to the Allard Horseshoe tournament and we thank him greatly for that. Again my prayers go out to his family especially Michelle and family.

Jon Bennett - August 20, 2016 at 09:32 PM

VZ

“ Vicki Zinck lit a candle in memory of Roger Semke Bischoff



Vicki Zinck - August 20, 2016 at 11:25 AM

TB

“ I will miss having Roger stop in and just say Hi ! He always had a smile on his face! Thoughts and prayers to all!

Tami & Melvin Berger - August 19, 2016 at 12:14 PM

JG

“ Jeanne giles purchased the Vivid Recollections for the family of Roger Semke Bischoff.



Jeanne giles - August 18, 2016 at 11:03 PM

SH

“ Sid and the team at TMI Hospitality purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Roger Semke Bischoff.



Sid and the team at TMI Hospitality - August 18, 2016 at 04:23 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Roger Semke Bischoff.



August 18, 2016 at 03:38 PM

DB

“ Roger was a wonderful man and friend. He also served as the information center for most of the Bischoff clan. Whenever we needed to find out how other family members were doing, we could usually ask Roger and he would know. We will miss him. DUane and BettySue Bischoff

duane bischoff - August 18, 2016 at 01:52 PM

TD

“ Tharaldson Hospitality Development purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Roger Semke Bischoff.



Tharaldson Hospitality Development - August 18, 2016 at 12:40 PM

MD

“ Roger was a wonderful man - from the moment we met him we felt we were long time friends! His friendship and laughter have made wonderful memories.

Mike & Joan Driscoll

Mike & Joan Driscoll - August 18, 2016 at 12:22 PM

LS

“ Love Dave & Carol, Lorn & Jean, Craig & Sheri purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Roger Semke Bischoff.



Love Dave & Carol, Lorn & Jean, Craig & Sheri - August 18, 2016 at 11:32 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Roger Semke Bischoff.



August 18, 2016 at 10:40 AM

KI

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Kirk - August 18, 2016 at 07:44 AM

JH

I'm so glad he made it to that game!! He was so excited about it!!

Jennifer Honetschlager - August 18, 2016 at 10:01 AM

BP

*Peace be with you and your family in this time of loss.
Bill & Beckie Person and Family*

Bill & Beckie Person - August 18, 2016 at 02:32 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Roger Semke Bischoff.*



August 18, 2016 at 01:25 AM

 Dawn Klubben

“ *I cooked Roger breakfast for many years, first at Kenny's then at the VFW. He always had to give me a hug and tell me i was the best cook in town. He stopped in at Woodland Steak House just after i started there , Just to say hi and see how i was doing. Roger was a sweet man, he will be missed and thought of often. Thoughts and prayers to the Family.*

Dawn Klubben - August 17, 2016 at 11:41 PM

KE

“ *Roger was my principal and typing teacher at North Central in the early 70's and late 60's. He was truly one of a kind. He never forgot my name and even 40 years late it was always hi Kerry when he saw me*

Kerry Eggert - August 17, 2016 at 09:29 PM

LM

“ Love from Linda & Mark & Ben Merck purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Roger Semke Bischoff.



Love from Linda & Mark & Ben Merck - August 17, 2016 at 08:43 PM

RG

“ Always loved visiting with Roger, he will be missed. Condolences to the Bischoff family.

Rory Gabel - August 17, 2016 at 06:23 PM

LS

Sharing in your sorrow with love and friendship. Roger was one of our directors at Garrison Diversion. We had lots of visits at our board meetings over the years. Such a nice man. He will be missed by many in the water community.

Lisa Schafer

Lisa Schafer - August 18, 2016 at 08:44 AM