



Russell Cary

November 30, 1918 - October 8, 2008

Russell Clifford Cary was born near Hawley, MN on November 30, 1918 to Ira and Lillie (Smith) Cary. He moved with his parents and brothers to a farm east of Ulen, MN in the early 1920's. He attended rural school and graduated from Ulen High School in 1936. After working on the family farm, he entered the US Air Force in July, 1941. Russell spent over two years in England as a T/Sgt in charge of crews doing repair of major battle damage on B-17 bombers. He spent the last months after returning from E.T.O. as a sheet metal instructor at Chanute Field, IL. After discharge from the service, he worked as a heating installer in Fargo, ND. Early in 1947, he started the Valley Heating Service in Valley City, ND, in partnership with Chester Gunness.

On January 18, 1948, he married Frances Hanson at Ulen. They made their home in Valley City. After selling out from Valley Heating Service in 1961, he spent 2 years traveling for a plumbing and heating wholesaler. Then he was a city mail carrier until retirement in 1980. Russ also was a real estate salesman. He moved to Arizona after Frances passed away on May 20, 2007.

He belonged to the 379th Bomb Association Reunion Group, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, National Association of Retired Federal Employees, and National Association of Letter Carriers. One of his greatest loves was singing with the Valley City Troubadours.

Russell leaves his son, David (Laura) of Surprise, AZ; daughter, Lorna (Steve) Ozawa of Lakewood, CO; daughter-in-law, Kuang Cary of Mesa, AZ; granddaughters, Deena Cary of Los Angeles, CA, Stefanie Cary of Chicago, IL and Nicole Ozawa of Lakewood; a brother, Harold (Eileen) Cary of Dilworth, MN; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife; son, Wayne; and 5 brothers.

Previous Events

Service

OCT **15**. 10:30 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall



“ Dear Cousins and Families:

Our sincere sympathy for the loss of such a wonderful Dad and Grandpa. He was a favorite of mine...always interested in all we had to say, even when we were kids. I remember his teasing and tickling, his jokes, and his wonderful smile. The trips to VC as a family will always be dear to me as well as all the times Uncle Russ & Aunt Fran would visit us at the lake or in Twin Valley. He will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Love, Nancy & Jack Close##imported-begin##Nancy (Cary) Close##imported-end##

October 13, 2008 at 03:37 PM



“ Dear Family,

Russ was the Uncle who had the quick smile and made us laugh. His quick wit was inherent to the Cary brothers. As a youngster I had to run fast because Uncle Russ loved to tickle and soon I was fast enough to out run him. He would laugh and laugh.

We loved when he and Fran would return from their Winters down south. They would stop over with us in Blue Earth and faithfully did so when Dad was in the care center in Blue Earth. Dad enjoyed having them stop. May God bless you and fill you with gratitude for a wonderful Dad and friend. We shall miss him, until we meet again.

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October 12, 2008 at 10:10 PM



“ What I remember most about Uncle Russell was when we had family gatherings at their house, he was in the kitchen with a dish towel in his hand & visting with us. We missed the visits at our house when they could no longer drive thru Fargo. He was a gret Uncle. Our synpathy and love to all the family. Gloria##imported-begin##Gloria Cary Danielson##imported-end##

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“ Dear Lorna and Family: Our thoughts and prayers will be with you during this sad time for your family. I will always remember your dad with a smile on his face and a twinkle in his eye.

God Bless!##imported-begin##Beth and Billy Cooper##imported-end##

October 11, 2008 at 05:04 PM



“ *What a wonderful man our Uncle Rus was! I will always remember his laugh, smile and his Christmas letters. He always showed so much interest in our Cary's musical talents and would keep us informed of his choir's activities. Bless him, I know he will be smiling to meet Frances, his son, and his brothers in heaven. Love to all of you,*
Lea###imported-begin###Lea Jackson###imported-end##

October 10, 2008 at 09:35 PM