



Virgil Harry Wolfgram

February 2, 1930 - October 8, 2018

The funeral service for Virgil H. Wolfgram, 88, Wahpeton, North Dakota formerly Valley City, North Dakota will be 11 am Friday, October 12, 2018 at Epworth United Methodist Church, Valley City, ND. Visitation will be Thursday, October 11, 2018 from 5:30 pm to 7 pm with a prayer service at 7 pm at the church. Visitation will continue one hour before the service at the church. Burial will be in Memory Gardens, rural Valley City.

Virgil Harry Wolfgram died peacefully on October 8th, at St. Benedictine Living Community of Wahpeton, ND.

Virgil was born on February 2nd, 1930 in Richey, Montana to Harry and Myrtle Wolfgram. His family moved to Shields, ND when he was one and then to Hamilton, ND when he was eight years old. Virgil was one of seven children. He graduated from Hamilton High School in 1948. Virgil then went to work for the State Highway Department as a part of the survey crew. At the age of 22, he joined the Army. He trained at Camp Roberts in California and served in the Korean War where he was a gunner on a 4.2 inch mortar. He also guarded war prisoners and was a barber. After the war, he moved back to Hamilton and continued his work with the Highway Department.

On August 4, 1953 he married Myrna Utecht. While working for the State Highway Department they lived in several cities throughout North Dakota. In

1963 they settled in Valley City where they made their home and raised two children, Bonnie and Bryan.

In 1967, Virgil began working for the Barnes County Highway Department. In 1975, Virgil returned to work for the State Highway Department as a construction coordinator and went back to school at Bismarck Junior College for engineering and drafting for one year. He retired from the State Highway Department in 1992 but continued to work for the next several summers as a supervisor for Interstate Engineering.

Virgil was a proud member of the Eagles and VFW. He was a two time Commander of VFW Post 2764, a leader for Voice of Democracy, served in the VFW Color Guard and Order of the Cooties. He thoroughly enjoyed serving at the “Cootie steak fry” where he was well known for his pickled onions.

Family was extremely important to Virgil and he loved spending time with them. In his free time he also enjoyed gardening, canning, cooking, baking, hunting, fishing, and wood working. He spent countless hours affectionately making many craft items for Epworth United Methodist Church in Valley City and Evergreen United Methodist Church in Wahpeton.

In 2004, he moved to Wahpeton, ND to be closer to his son and family and he adopted his best dog friend Scrappy. In 2015, he moved to Twin Town Villa Assisted Living in Breckenridge, MN until his recent move to St. Benedictine Living Community of Wahpeton.

He is preceded in death by his wife, parents, one brother and two sisters.

Virgil is survived by his daughter Bonnie (Karl) Vangerud of Fargo, ND and son Bryan (Mary) Wolfgram of Wahpeton, ND; his grandchildren Eric (Alicia)

Wolfgram, Matthew (Megan) Vangerud, Haley (Brandon) Fisher, Claire (Conrad) Kranz, Meaghan Wolfgram, Dylan Wolfgram, and Brody Wolfgram; his great-grandchildren Vera Fisher, Charlotte Kranz, and Clark Vangerud. He also is survived by three sisters Eva Nelson, Shirley Lawonn, and Darlene Henschel along with several nieces and nephews.

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

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 11. 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Epworth United Methodist Church
680 8th Ave. SW
Valley City, ND

Prayer Service

OCT 11. 7:00 PM (CT)

Epworth United Methodist Church
680 8th Ave. SW
Valley City, ND

Visitation

OCT 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Epworth United Methodist Church
680 8th Ave. SW
Valley City, ND

Funeral Service

OCT 12. 11:00 AM (CT)

Epworth United Methodist Church
680 8th Ave. SW
Valley City, ND

Tribute Wall



“ *Oliver - Nathan Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Virgil Harry Wolfgram*



Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel - October 10, 2018 at 07:30 PM

HL

My great regret is I never got to meet you in person Cousin Virgil. What a life you lived and the lovely family you have. I want to thank you again for all the information you provided for the Wolfgram family book. Rest in Peace dear cousin and I'll see you in Heaven... Love Cousin Helen

Helen Lindell - January 22, 2019 at 12:35 AM

AE

“ *Sending condolences to the Wolfgram family on the death of their father Virgil. Ace Eckre*



Ace Eckre - October 12, 2018 at 03:47 PM

BD

“ *Our thoughts and prayer are with you all !
Our deepest sympathies!
Betty and Willie Dallmann*

Betty Dallmann - October 11, 2018 at 09:44 PM

BT

“ *Bonnie and Bryan-
So very sorry for your loss. Prayers.
Beth Lewellyn Thune*

Beth Lewellyn Thune - October 11, 2018 at 08:40 PM

LA

“ *Laurie A. Anderson lit a candle in memory of
Virgil Harry Wolfgram*



Laurie A. Anderson - October 11, 2018 at 05:05 PM

LA

Thoughts and Prayers to the Wolfgram family. So sorry for your loss.

Laurie A. Anderson - October 11, 2018 at 05:06 PM

CP

“ *CeCe & Ron Page purchased the Beautiful in Blue
for the family of Virgil Harry Wolfgram.*



CeCe & Ron Page - October 11, 2018 at 01:03 PM

BE

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with Bryan and
Mary.*



Bruce Eckre - October 10, 2018 at 04:35 PM

DB

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Virgil Wolfgram. We have lost a true friend - a real gem. We will always have memories of times shared visiting with Virgil. He will be missed and always remembered as a truly genuine man. - Jack & Dianne Betzold, Wahpeton, ND

dianne betzold - October 10, 2018 at 02:55 PM

JA

“ My sympathy to you Bonnie and families. He has left a beautiful legacy in his children, grandchildren and greats!

judy anderson - October 10, 2018 at 01:50 PM

DI

“ On behalf of the Vet's Club staff and patrons, we extend our sympathy to Virgil's family. There are many fond memories of visiting with Virgil -- and his buddy, Irv -- at "their spot" at the bar. He will be missed.....

Dianne - October 10, 2018 at 12:53 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Virgil Harry Wolfgram.



October 10, 2018 at 12:38 PM

RB

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. It is so hard to lose a parent, sending hugs.

Roxanne Baumgartner - October 10, 2018 at 08:51 AM

RY

“ My heartfelt condolences for the loss of your beloved Father, Grandfather and Friend. We long for God’s promise when he will wipe every tear from our eyes and death and pain will be no more, Rev.21:4. Sincerely.

RY - October 10, 2018 at 06:15 AM

JM

“ Our sympathies go out to your family. We were so lucky to have gotten to know such a kind, gentle and caring man through first being neighbors and then as friends. We have many memories of Virgil sitting on his front deck grilling something delicious for his supper. We enjoyed our visits with him. We can still hear his voice calling for his precious Scrappy; "Get over here, Scrappy!"

Love,
John and Elaine Maddock

John and Elaine Maddock - October 09, 2018 at 06:39 PM

MW

Thank you John and Elaine we we are blessed to have you in his life! There are not enough words to express our gratitude towards you guys and all you did for him! Thank you!
Bryan and Mary and the wolfgram/vangerud families

mary wolfgram - October 10, 2018 at 11:58 AM

TM

“ Bonnie, I am so sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers to you and your family.

Teri (Keaveny) McClafin

Teri McClafin - October 09, 2018 at 04:41 PM