



Wally Grenz

May 20, 1937 - October 25, 2011

Walter “Wally” Grenz was born on May 20, 1937 in Hazelton, ND, the son of Gotlieb and Lydia (Schock) Grenz. He attended Tower City (ND) Public School and then worked on the family farm.

On January 9, 1961, he joined the US Army. He spent the majority of his enlistment in Fort Riley, KS. On January 8, 1963, he was honorably discharged. While he was in the service, he was a heavy equipment operator. Following his discharge, he worked for various contractors doing road construction.

He married Nila Neppel at Olivet Lutheran Church in Fargo, ND on March 17, 1972. They made their home in Valley City. He retired in 1994.

Wally loved to spend time with his family and friends. He especially liked meeting new people. He was a “sports nut”, his favorites being football, NASCAR, and baseball.

He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church and a lifetime member of the Am Vets Willis Webber Post 3, American Legion Post 60 and Eagles Aerie 2192, all in Valley City.

Wally died at the Sheyenne Care Center in Valley City on October 25, 2011. He is survived by his wife, Nila; daughter, Roxanne Grenz of Thief River Falls, MN; step-children, Valerie (John) Kalal of Wichita, KS and Todd (Michelle) Grieger of Fargo, ND; grandchildren, Amanda (Drew) Rucker, John (Shannon) Kalal, Ryan Grieger, and Nichol Tueewen; great grandchildren, Destiny Tueewen and Bella Kalal; brothers, Fred (Shirley) Grenz of Lake Havasu City,

AZ and Dick (Judy) Grenz of Valley City; and sisters, Esther Kringler of Klamath Falls, OR, Helen Christiansen of Sussex, WI, Irene (Kenneth) James of Dixon, IL, Edna Sheldon of Valley City, Annitha Plecity of Valley City, and Ann (Jack) Myers of Cedar Rapids, IA.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Bill, Jake, and Ed; and sisters, Erna Grenz, Tillie Hoff, Mathilda Roberts, and Ruth Fisher.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **28**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Service

OCT **29**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall



“ Thought & prayers out to Wally's family, Have lots of fond memories of Wally working on the Shultz & Lindsey crew.##imported-begin##Darlene & Kenneth Munter##imported-end##

November 07, 2011 at 11:34 AM



“ Nila, Todd, Val, and family
The world (and our family) has lost another great man. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. May god be with you,
Love and god bless.
Lisa, Wayne, and Cody Nordick##imported-begin##Lisa Nordick##imported-end##

October 28, 2011 at 11:02 PM



“ Our sympathy to you on your loss. Wally was a member of our school class at Tower City. He was always a fun loving young man with a smile for you. He knew what hard work was as he worked on the home farm. May God give you strength as you mourn your loss.##imported-begin##Douglas and Janice Rygg Richman##imported-end##

October 28, 2011 at 02:01 PM



“ Nila, Sorry for your loss. Good luck, better health and God bless.##imported-begin##Tom Bonness##imported-end##

October 27, 2011 at 10:57 AM



“ Nila and family,

My sincere condolences on the passing of Wally or "Walligator" as we so fondly called him. He was one of the kindest people I have ever known. He helped me out tremendously in ramrodding construction projects in the Grand Forks area. Nila, you were a God send also, being our field office manager for years. Out of construction work came friendships that have lasted over 20 years. I can still hear his unique laugh. He will be missed by many and I am so glad I had the privilege to call Wally and Nila two of my "best friends". I'm here for you Nila.

Your friend,

Jean Mann##imported-begin##Jean Mann##imported-end##

October 27, 2011 at 09:34 AM