



## Walter Joseph Vleck

March 13, 1923 - July 20, 2014

Walter J. Vleck, 91, formerly of Buxton, ND went home to be with his Lord in heaven, Sunday, July 20, 2014.

Walter Joseph Vleck was born March 13, 1923 in Easby Township, ND, the son of Theodore and Olga Pauline (Fleischmann) Vleck. He grew up on a farm near Osnabrock, ND and graduated from Osnabrock High School.

Walter farmed with his Dad for about 10 years before attending telegrapher's school in Minneapolis and working for Great Northern Railroad. He married Virginia Hoag on September 5, 1953 at the Assembly of God Church in Moorhead, MN. They lived in Hillsboro, ND until 1958; in Hunter, ND until 1960; and in Buxton, ND until 1962 before moving to their farm just west of Buxton. His railroad job continued with Burlington Northern and Amtrak, taking him to 48 places in 31 years,

After retirement, he launched a sanitation business, working for several more years. In addition to his railroad job, Walter sold Watkins for awhile, painted houses, did carpentry work, shingling, tree trimming, major remodeling, plus working on his farm.

In 2008 they moved to East Grand Forks, MN. After Virginia passed away in 2009, Walter moved to Mayville, ND and then to Valley City, ND in 2014.

Walter loved traveling, laughing, visiting old friends, making new friends, woodworking, finding bargains, keeping up on current events, improving their farm, caring for their many animals, reading after the sun went down, supporting pro-life, and enjoying his grandchildren. Walter held a strong

Christian faith and loved his church, singing hymns and praying.

Walter will forever be cherished by his children Gloria (Jim) Schneider, Fall Creek, WI; John (Janice) Vleck, Pullman, WA; Wayne (Beverly) Vleck, Valley City, ND; Phyllis (Fubara) Dapper, Lakeville, MN; treasured by his grandchildren Patrick Cofell, Christy (Caleb) Haugen, Jennifer Vleck, Jace Vleck, Joylissa Vleck, Anthony Vleck, Brandon Dapper, William Dapper, Blake Dapper and great grandchild Rueben Haugen; and beloved by his sisters Betty Ayers, Cleveland, OH, and Ida Mae Overmoe, Grand Forks, ND.

He was preceded in death by his wife Virginia, parents, infant brother Johnny, and sisters Marion Smith and Margaret Olson.

Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. Sunday, July 27 at Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel in Valley City. The funeral will be 11 a.m. Monday, July 28 at New Life Assembly of God Church in Valley City. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery in Harwood, N.D.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel, Valley City. An online guestbook for Walter is available at [www.oliver-nathanchapel.com](http://www.oliver-nathanchapel.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Oakwood Cemetery

Interstate Blvd  
Harwood, ND 58042

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 27. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral Service

JUL 28. 11:00 AM (CT)

New Life Assembly of God  
520 Wintershow Rd  
Valley City, ND

# Tribute Wall

IC

“ To all of the Vleck family Mel and I send our prayers and love. Your parents were very special people to our family and just looking at the photo of your dad just gives a warm feeling to us. They both meant a lot to so many they came in contact with. They were wonderful Christians and truly shared God's love to all. We counted ourselves blessed knowing them.



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**Ida Carsen** - July 25, 2014 at 11:35 PM

ML

“ I knew the Vleck family as a child. Wally smiled often, and laughed heartily. I don't recall ever seeing him angry. He was fun to be around. He made you laugh just hearing his laughter. As an adult I never saw him again, but I never forgot him. My parents kept in contact with them until my mother was unable to write after she had Alzheimer's. I remember all the children as well. It's hard to lose the last parent. My thoughts are with all of you.

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**Marianne Sauter Long** - July 25, 2014 at 09:32 PM

JJ

“ Gloria, John, Wayne, and Phyllis and families.  
I am sorry for your loss of your dad. Walter was always so much fun at Christmas gatherings. He had a great laugh and loving spirit. We will all miss him but glad to know he is home and whole. May God's strength be yours through the days ahead.  
I am sorry I won't be able to be at the services as I am in Michigan. I am not sure if Jerry will either as we have a close friend in Fargo whose services are the exact time. We will continue to be praying for you all.  
Love & Prayers,  
Jerry and Jean

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**Jean Jones** - July 25, 2014 at 11:09 AM

MB

“ Gloria,  
  
I am so sorry for the loss of your father.  
Peace and strength to you.  
  
Sincerely,  
  
Maurice J. Best



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**Maurice J. Best** - July 23, 2014 at 11:56 PM

PS

“ Bev and Wayne sorry about your loss may the lord help you find peace and comfort in this time of need..



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**Pam Sorenson** - July 23, 2014 at 08:46 AM

JD

*John and Janice, I don't know if you remember me (Jeni Battle Driscoll) from Calvary Temple Church of God. Your dad was such a nice man. He was kind to me. I remember when he had me come and sing at his first annual "Pick Up Sticks Festival." I don't know if he ever had another one, but he was so cdute! I don't think he even told your mom he was doing it until the morning of the event. And she was a great sport about the whole thing! Love you guys. Jeni*

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**Jeni Battle Driscoll** - July 25, 2014 at 12:34 PM