

of Life Lutheran Church with the Rev. Jeff Franko officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Memorial Gardens, where the military graveside honors will be provided by VFW Post 1326 of Bismarck.



Duane

Sauter loved camping and driving his all-terrain vehicles.

Visitation will be from 5-9 p.m. Sunday, 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday at Eastgate Funeral Service, Bismarck, and will continue at the church one hour prior to services.

Duane Sauter was born Aug. 3, 1931, at Arena, the son of Walter and Lydia (Leno) Sauter. He was raised and educated in that area, and attended schools in Tuttle, graduating in 1948. He attended Capital Commercial College in Bismarck. He enlisted into the United States Air Force Jan. 9, 1951. Following basic training he was stationed at Sandia Air Force Base in Albuquerque, N.M. He married Evangeline "Van" Biech Nov. 11, 1952, at Tuttle. Following their marriage they lived in Albuquerque until Duane's discharge from the service in 1955. They lived in several cities throughout North Dakota and in 1957, they moved to Bismarck.

Duane worked for Meyer Broadcasting and Northwestern Bell Yellow Pages until he started working at Capital Electric Co-op. For most of the 21 years that he worked there, he was the public relations director. Duane was instrumental in the initiation of employing handicapped persons at Capital Electric Co-op. This resulted in Capital Electric receiving the Bismarck-Mandan Mayors Employer of Handicap Award. He retired in January of 1990.

Duane was a past member of the Board of the Bis-Man Chamber of Commerce, and was on the executive committee in 1975, and he was also the acting coordinator for the Burleigh County Water Users Co-op. He was a member of the American Legion 40 and 8, the AMVETS, and the Bismarck Elks 1199.

He is survived by his wife, Van; one daughter and son-in-law, Candace and Bob Eckert, Bismarck; two sons, and daughters-in-law, Dwight and Barbara, Los Angeles, Calif., and Kyle and Cydra, Fargo; two grandchildren, Amber and Robbie Eckert; his mother and stepfather, Lydia and Henry Berg, Bismarck; one sister, Patricia Hintz, Bismarck; and two brothers, James, Woodbury, Minn., and Vernon, Waco, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his father, Walter.