

Delbert Dale Schafer was born April 14, 1930 in Java, SD. He was the only child born to Rose and Gerhart "Butch" Schafer.

Del Attended schools in Java and Selby, SD: Fort Yates, Hazelton and Mott, ND. He graduated in 1948 from Mott High School and attended ND State School of Science in Wahpeton where he studied refrigeration and air conditioning.

Del married the love of his life, his high school sweetheart, Delores "De" Sauer on September 17, 1951 in Mott, ND. They spent the next two years apart as he was serving those years in Korea with the US Army.

Del trained at Ft. Leonard Wood, MO and was stationed in Korea from October 1951 through April 1953 during the Korean War. Corporal Shafer was a member of the 21<sup>st</sup> Transportation Car Company. As an operations sergeant, he was responsible for the dispatching of vehicles, supervision of platoon sergeants, preparation of schedules for dispatchers and drivers, and gathering statistics for various operational reports. Del received the following decorations; Korean Service Medal with 4 BSS, United Nations Service Ribbon, Merit Unit Commendation and Commendation Ribbon and Medal pendent.

Upon his honorable discharge from the US Army, Del and De lived in Bismarck where he was manager of the meat department at Dan's Super Valu at Arrowhead Plaza from July 1953 to January 1959. They moved to Watford City in 1959 where Del was employed in the family business, Schafer's Super Valu, until retiring in 1983. After retirement Del assisted his son-in-law, David, on occasion with his farming operation.

Del was a member of the American Legion and was an avid hunter and marksman. He liked trap shooting and hunting deer, antelope and birds. Some of his hobbies included reloading ammunition and wood working. He enjoyed reading the Bible and also challenging his mind by watching his favorite game show, Jeopardy. He also enjoyed watching western movies and the comedy sitcom M\*A\*S\*H. Del had a sharp wit and sense of humor; he will be best remembered by his catchy one-liners. He was a wonderful man, a loving husband, father, grandfather and friend.

Blessed to have shared in his life are three daughters, Denae (David) Hoffmann of Watford City, Dawn (Todd) Schock of Bismarck and Tracy (Steve) Yoder of Uniontown, OH: his grandchildren, Cia (Jayson) Gronneberg, Jana Hoffmann, Whitney, Eric, Noah and Luke Yoder, Nate Yancey, and Brandon, Paige and Parker Schock; four great-grandchildren, Emmee, Hunter, Jaxon and Jersey Gronneberg; an aunt, Ella Thomas; several nieces, nephews, cousins, and many dear friends.

Del was preceded in death by his wife of 58 years, De (2010); and his parents Gerhart "Butch" & Rose (Goetz) Schafer of Watford City, ND.

## In Memory Of Delbert D. Schafer



*Let not your  
heart be troubled;  
believe in God,  
believe also in Me.*

*I am the way, and  
the truth, and the  
life; no one comes  
to the Father,  
but through Me.*

**JESUS**

*In My Father's house are  
many dwelling places;  
if it were not so, I would  
have told you; for I go  
to prepare a place for you.*

*And if I go and  
prepare a place  
for you, I will  
come again, and  
receive you to My-  
self; that where  
I am, there you  
may be also.*

*from JOHN 14: 1-6 NAS*



April 14, 1930 ~ July 8, 2012

*Dad is gone from our sight  
but never our memory  
gone from our hearing  
but never our hearts  
gone from our touch  
but his presence is felt  
And the love that he gave us  
will never depart*



## *In Memory Of Delbert D. Schafer*

### *Date And Place Of Birth*

*April 14, 1930*

*Java, South Dakota*

### *Date And Place of Death*

*July 8, 2012*

*Bismarck, North Dakota*

### *Memorial Service*

*10:00 AM, Monday, July 16, 2012*

*Fulkerson Funeral Chapel*

*Watford City, North Dakota*

### *Clergy*

*Pastor John Lane*

### *Accompanist*

*Pam Haugen*

### *Honorary Urnbearers*

*Lynn Dill*

*Terry Berglund*

*Jerald Basol*

*Jake Burger*

### *Military Honors*

*Carl E. Rogen American Legion Post #29*

*North Dakota Veteran's Honor Guard*

### *Inurnment*

*Schafer Cemetery*

*Watford City, North Dakota*



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