

"A Soldier Died Today"

Marvin K. Hoff was born July 18, 1921 to Henry and Ragna (Johanson) Hoff at home in Barr Butte Township and attended country school. He worked on the family farm until entering the service on October 14, 1942. He served his country in WWII, as an airplane mechanic/flight engineer/top turret gunner. His B-17 was shot down over the Adriatic

Sea on March 11, 1944; he became a Prisoner of War in Germany until being freed by British soldiers May 2, 1945. He was honorably discharged from the service on September 17, 1945. Returning from the war, he worked at Westland Oil Company.

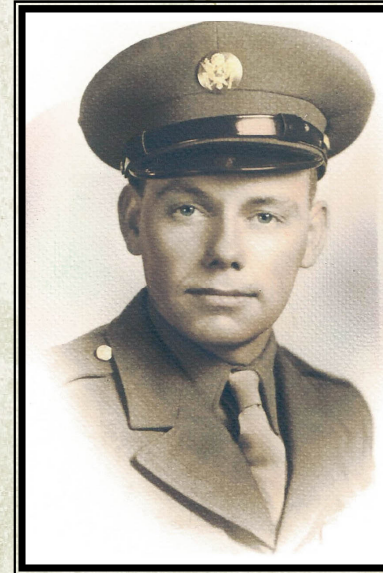
On Friday the 13th, of April, 1951, he married Ruth Peterson and they made their home in Grenora. He worked for the Farmers Union Oil Company for 37 years. After his retirement from Farmers Union Oil, he helped with spring's work and harvest for several area farmers. Marvin was actively involved in the community serving on the church council, fire and ambulance departments, past Commander of Alvin T. Larson Legion Post #116, and Legion treasurer up until his death. Legion meetings were a big part of Marvin's life. He proudly stated he "only missed two". The Marvin K. Hoff American Legion Veterans Memorial park in Grenora was dedicated on Memorial Day, 2010.

Marvin is survived by daughter, Phyllis (John) Haskins, Williston; son, Wayne Hoff, Lakeville, MN; grandchildren, Jennifer (Lane) Titus, Battleview; Dan (Becky) Haskins, Williston; great-grandchildren, Samantha and Sydney Titus and Cole, Tom, Ellie and Rigby Haskins; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife Ruth; his parents; sisters, Gudrun Stenersen, Mabel Iverson, Hilda Paulson, Laura Meyers, Lila Feree, and Florence McBroom; brothers, Clarence, Fred, Vernon, and James.



*In Memory Of
Marvin K. Hoff*



July 18, 1921 ~ November 13, 2012



Just A Common Soldier

He was getting old and paunchy, and his hair was falling fast,
And he sat around the Legion, telling stories of the past.
Of a war that he had fought in and the deeds that he had done.
In his exploits with his buddies, they were heroes, every one.
And tho' sometimes, to his neighbors, his tales became a joke,
All his Legion buddies listened, for they knew whereof he spoke.
But we'll hear his tales no longer for old Bill has passed away.
And the world's a little poorer, for a soldier died today.
He will not be mourned by many, just his children and his wife.
For he lived an ordinary and quite uneventful life.
Held a job and raised a family, quietly going his own way.
And the world won't note his passing, though a soldier died today.
If we cannot do him honor while he's here to hear the praise,
Then at least let's give him homage at the ending of his days.
Perhaps just a simple headline in a paper that would say.....
"Our country is in mourning....for a soldier died today....."

by A. Lawrence Vaincourt

In Memory Of Marvin K. Hoff

Date And Place Of Birth

July 18, 1921

Barr Butte Township, North Dakota

Date And Place of Death

November 13, 2012

Williston, North Dakota

Funeral Service

3:00 PM, Saturday, November 17, 2012

St. Olaf Lutheran Church

Grenora, North Dakota

Officiating

Pastor Steve Anderson

Organist

Carol Berg

Casketbearers

Keith Iverson

Greg Garaas

Lee Garaas

Ernie Haven

Curt Sullivan

DelMaine Peterson

Jim Garaas

Dennis Peterson

Honorary Bearers

All of Marvin's Friends & Family

Military Honors

Alvin T. Larson American Legion Post #116

Interment

Grenora Cemetery



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