

John M. (Johannes) Monger, a lifelong Williams County resident, was the fifth of ten children born to Magne and Johanna (Morken) Monger who emigrated from Norway in 1923. John was born on his uncle's farm north of Alamo in Rock Island Township on October 4, 1925. In 1927 his parents bought a farm in Ellisville Township where he attended Ellisville School #1 which was located on his parents' farm. After eighth grade graduation he helped his parents on the farm and worked for area farmers. On June 20, 1945, John was drafted into the service at Fort Snelling, MN. He took his basic training at camp Fannin, TX and then went by ship to Le Harve, France and on to Germany where he was attached to the M.P. 6th Constabulary Regiment. On February 15, 1947 he was honorably discharged as a P.F.C. at Fort Sheridan, IL.

After his discharge he helped his parents on the farm and also worked for area farmers. In 1949 he attended Wahpeton State School of Science taking up auto body and welding. He graduated in 1951 and then went to work for a short period of time in Mohall. When his three brothers entered the Korean War John returned to the family farm where he helped his parents' farm along with working on the Berger and Ida Helstad farm.

On January 17, 1953 John was united in marriage to Agnes Katherine Neubauer in the chapel at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Grenora. The first two years of their marriage they lived on the family farm and then in 1955 they moved to Williston where John worked for the Williams County Highway Department as a bridge foreman and a road maintenance foreman. After working 34 years and 9 months with the county highway department he retired and then devoted his time to following his grandchildren's sporting events and doing volunteer work.

John was a very active member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church and School. He was a former school board member, a parish building committee member, a life member of the Knights of Columbus, a 4th degree charter member of the Msgr. John Halloran Assembly, a chairman for the United Blood Service sponsored by the K.C.'s, and a chairman for Right to Life Month where roses were delivered to the mothers of new born babies. He was in charge of the parish food pantry, an usher and greeter at church, and a weekly church bulletin stuffer. John also was a life member of the Zahl V.F.W., a member of the American Legion for 63 years (2008), and a past member of the Ellisville Township Board. Up until the time of his illness John could always be found volunteering and doing things for others. He enjoyed doing everything from taking tickets at various sporting events to cleaning ditches for the Knights of Columbus on citywide clean up day. He was usually the first to volunteer for anything, and no task was too large or too hard. He and his wife also delivered Meals on Wheels for 15 years until Agnes's health failed her.

Because John's family and Norwegian heritage was so important to him a highlight in his life was in 1999 when he spent three weeks in Norway where his parents were born and raised.

John loved his family and enjoyed spending time with his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. He loved reading, hunting, fishing, playing cards, doing yard work, volunteering, and attending sporting events. Up until the time of his illness he still continued to live each day to the fullest by enjoying life and doing things for others. John will always be remembered as a very devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and a blessing to all who knew him.

He is survived by his wife, Agnes, of Williston; his eight children: James (Shirley) Monger of Gillette, WY and their children Jennifer, James, Christopher, and Calvin; Debra (Michael) Johnson of Williston and their children, Brandon (Melissa) and Amber (Aaron); Greg Monger of Gillette, WY; Richard Monger of Williston; Michael (Patty) Monger of Gillette, WY and their children Jordan and Mariah; Kurt (Carron) Monger of Dickinson, ND and their children Shantelle, Derek, and Kristyn; Brenda (Tim) Huber of Bismarck, ND and their children Meghan, Hannah, and Andrew; and John Monger, Jr. of Williston; two great-grandchildren, Terrence Monger and Grace JoEllen Johnson; two brothers, Vernon (Enid) Monger of Bismarck, ND and Ingvald (Dorothy) Monger of Williston; three sisters, Brita Schmidt of Renton, WA; Margit Simle of Williston, and Carol DeStefano of Mumford, TX; a brother-in-law Stan Morken of Richmond, CA; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Ole Monger, who was killed in action in WWII, and Harold Monger, who was a veteran of the Korean War; two sisters, Kristina Aaseth and Bernice Morken; and two brother-in-laws, Johnny Aaseth and Sam DeStefano.

In Memory Of John M. Monger

October 4, 1925 ~ December 5, 2008

Peaceful Memories



A Celebration Of Life John M. Monger

Date and Place of Birth

October 4, 1925
Rural Alamo, North Dakota

Date and Place of Passing

December 5, 2008
Williston, North Dakota

His Mass Of Christian Burial

St. Joseph's Catholic Church
10:30 AM, Wednesday, December 10, 2008

Concelebrants

Fr. Dennis Schafer

Fr. Benny Putharayil

Musicians

Kathy Pepple ~ Pianist

Kim Semenko ~ Vocalist

Readers

Amber Knudsvig

Melissa Johnson

Gift Bearers

Meghan Huber

Hannah Huber

Casketbearers

Brandon Johnson
Calvin Monger

His Grandsons
James Monger
Jordan Monger
Andrew Huber

Christopher Monger
Derek Monger

Honorary Casketbearers

4th Degree Knights Of Columbus Honor Guard

Military Honors

American Legion Post #116
Zahl VFW Post #6139

Interment

Riverview Cemetery
Williston, North Dakota

Weep Not In Sorrow

*Weep not in tears of sorrow
because I've gone away,
But weep with tears of gladness
for the peace I have today.*

*I know your hearts are heavy
with sorrow that you bear.
But God has called me home,
my place is ready there.*

*My stay on earth's completed,
my final rest is won
I've received the richest blessing,
to dwell with God's own Son.*

by Sandra Millerman

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