Hugh Robert Routh, Jr. was born in Harrison, Arkansas on March 20, 1919. He was oldest of five children born to Hugh Robert Routh, Sr. and Eula Katherine (Travis) Routh.

As a young child, Hugh moved with his parents to Belfry, MT. He was baptized in the Presbyterian Church in Belfry, and graduated from Belfry High School in 1937.

Hugh worked construction and farming, in the Belfry and Red Lodge, MT areas, until he enlisted in the Army in January 1942. While serving in the Army, he was based at the Panama Canal, and was honorably discharged in October 1945, with the rank of staff sergeant. After discharge, he worked in the Badger Basin, WY oilfields, for Resolute Oil Company.

On April 2, 1946, Hugh married Betty Jane Sinnock, in Billings, Montana. Three children were born to this union. Hugh and Betty were married for 59 years.

In September 1953, Hugh moved to Williston to work on the construction of the Williston Basin Refinery, which was purchased by Westland Refinery, and later purchased by Flying J Refinery. He was employed at the refinery for 33 years, and retired on January 1, 1986, as Plant Manager. Hugh was a member of the First Union Church.

Hugh moved to Bethel Lutheran Home in February 2009, and was a resident there until his passing.

Hugh enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening, reading (especially his favorite author, Louis L'Amour), playing cards (especially the game of Pitch, with his family in Cooke City, MT), and watching his Atlanta Braves. Hugh loved his family dearly, and was very proud of his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Hugh is preceded in death by his wife, Betty Routh; one daughter, Susan (LeDosquet) Schladweiler; his mother and father, Hugh and Eula Routh; and two sisters, Betty Yount and Jeanne Cenis.

Hugh is survived by one sister, Virginia Van Winkle, of Federal Way, WA; and one brother, Richard Routh, of Las Vegas, NV; two sons, Gary (Camille) Routh, and Steve (Lea) Routh, of Williston, ND; nine grandchildren, Rachelle (Scott) Isaacson of Lake Park, MN, Craig LeDosquet of Oak Harbor, WA, Jennifer (Michael) Wood, of Guthrie, OK, Justin (Kendra) Routh, of Moorhead, MN, Joshua DeFoe, of Williston, ND, Jacey and Jenna Routh, Williston, ND; Mitchell Schenstad, Bottineau, ND, and Tanyr Schenstad, of Williston, ND; and six great grand children, Nathan and Whitney Isaacson, of Lake Park, MN, Elizabeth LeDosquet, of Oak Harbor, WA, Jaron and Garrett Wood, of Guthrie, OK, and Hudson Routh, of Moorhead, MN.

# In Memory Of Hugh R. Routh, Jr.



March 20, 1919 ~ August 12, 2009

God looked around his garden And he found an empty place He then looked down upon his earth And saw your tired face. He put his arms around you And lifted you to rest God's garden must be beautiful He always takes the best. He knew that you were suffering He knew you were in pain He knew that you would never Get well on earth again. He saw the road was getting rough And the hills are hard to climb. So he closed your weary eyelids, And whispered "Peace be Thine" It broke our hearts to lose you But you didn't go alone For part of us went with you The day God called you home.

# IN MEMORY OF

Hugh R. Routh, Jr.

# DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH

March 20, 1919 Harrison, Arkansas

#### DATE AND PLACE OF DEATH

August 12, 2009 Williston, North Dakota

# **FUNERAL SERVICE**

11:00 AM, Monday, August 17, 2009 Apostolic Lighthouse Church Formerly First Union Church Williston, North Dakota

# **CLERGY**

Rev. DD Puckett

#### **MUSICIANS**

Merna Patch ~ Organist Lisa Hanson ~ Vocalist

## **CASKETBEARERS**

Craig LeDosquet Scott Isaacson Duane Binde Joshua DeFoe Justin Routh Larry Schilke

### HONORARY CASKETBEARERS

Everett "Hoot" Gibbons Walt Anderson All of Hugh's Family & Friends

# **MILITARY HONORS**

North Dakota Veteran's Honor Guard Williston Veteran's Honor Guard

#### **INTERMENT**

Riverview Cemetery Williston, North Dakota

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