

*And God will wipe away
every tear from their eyes;
there shall be no more death,
nor sorrow, nor crying.
There shall be no more pain,
for the former things
have passed away.*

Revelation 21:4 (NKJV)



In Loving Memory
Royal Lee Boniek

Date of Birth
January 6, 1929

Date of Death
February 9, 2024

Funeral Service
1:00 P.M. Wednesday, February 14, 2024
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
Hecla, South Dakota

Officiating: Pastor Tim Daub
Organist: John Klatt
Piano Solos: Shelby Knox
"Just As I Am"
Chris Carlson
"Rock of Ages"

Congregational Singing

"Rock of Ages"	#376
"What a Friend We Have In Jesus"	#457
"Just As I Am"	#388
"Heaven is My Home"	#660

Casket Bearers

Christopher Carlson	David Payne	April Weight
Shelby Knox	Dianna Heinze	Lindsey Boniek
Daniel Payne	Doris Payne	Courtney Boniek
	Deszira Payne	

Military Honors

Oakes American Legion	North Dakota Military Honors
Oakes, North Dakota	Fargo, North Dakota

Burial

Ludden Cemetery
Ludden, North Dakota

Arrangements by
Hoven Funeral Chapel
Ellendale, North Dakota

Royal Lee Boniek 95 of Ellendale, ND died February 9, 2024 at Benedictine Living Community, Ellendale. Royal was born January 6, 1929 to John and Elma (Hansen) Boniek at home south of Guelph, ND. He started rural school at 5 years old, traveling by horse and buggy with his brother Elmer. His aunt, the teacher, needed one more student to justify a school. In 1935, during the Dust Bowl, John moved his family to a farm near Hawick, MN. Royal attended rural school thru 8th grade then attended Ag School at Minnesota Morris. Royal was drafted by the US Army in 1953. After basic training at Camp Addibury, IN he went to Fort Carson, CO for advanced infantry training and served at the Military Prison at Ft. Leavenworth, KS.

After army discharge, Royal began his life-long love affair with the hay and flax straw business, first with his father in the Red River Valley and later with his sons in the Dakotas.

In the 1950's Royal frequented dance halls in central Minnesota. There he met Alvera Radtke from Cosmos, MN. He asked her to dance and later to be his wife. They were married in 1958. Royal and Alvera were blessed with four children: Nancy, Debra, Mark and Perry.

After livestock farming in rural Montevideo, MN, Royal moved his young family back to his roots, purchasing a farm east of Ellendale. There he resumed the custom flax straw business both for local farmers and for large paper companies. Royal was always proud of his part in printing US currency!

Royal and Alvera traveled extensively in the US and abroad and loved cruising. To Royals grandchildren Grandpa was known for his full head of hair with "the wave", frying perfect bacon and everything else to "crumpus", Butterfinger candy bars and Squirt, cotton balls in his ears, his pancakes, playing solitaire and pinochle and his iconic laugh after telling a story. He sang "Walzing Matilda", "That's Amore'" and "Put another Nickel In" while dancing around the kitchen. He always played "counting toesies" with the grandkids. To Alvera's chagrin he always left the cupboard doors open!

Royal is survived by his loving wife of 65 years, Alvera; children: Nancy (David) Carlson of Tioga, ND, Debra Payne of Minnesota Lake, MN, Perry (Sue) Boniek of Ellendale; grandchildren: Daniel & David Payne, Dianna (Kyle) Heinze, Doris (David) Kitzing, Deszirae Payne, Chris (Nicole) Carlson, Shelby (Kasey) Knox, April (Brady) Weight, Lindsey Boniek, Courtney Boniek (and fiancé Eric Wonchoba); seven great granddaughters and one great grandson; sister: Renata Heartly, Carlsbad, CA; brother: Leo Boniek, Hawick, MN; in-laws: Gloria Radtke, Madeline Radtke, Gloria & Harvey Radtke, Sharon Boniek, numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Royal was preceded in death by his parents John & Alma, son Mark, brother Elmer Boniek and sister Marcia.

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1929 ~ 2024

Memories