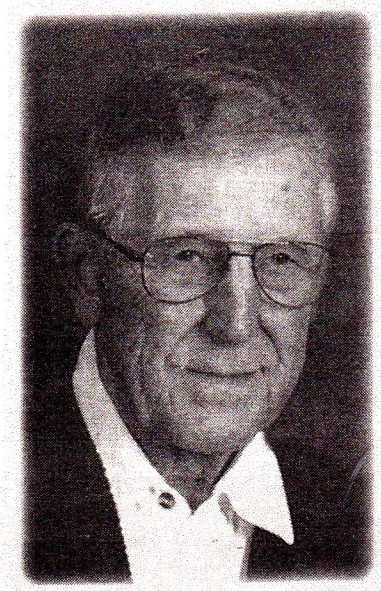
GORS, Wayne E.

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Wayne E. Gors



Wayne E. Gors, Sioux Falls, S.D., died Friday, March 4, 2011, at Dougherty Hospice House following a short illness. He was 78. Funeral services were held Monday, March 7th at First United Methodist Church, with a 2:00 pm committal at the Hurley Cemetery, Hurley, SD.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to First United Methodist Church or Dougherty Hospice House.

Wayne was born Aug. 17, 1932, in Viborg, S.D., to John and Wilhelmina "Minnie" (Wrage) Gors. He was raised and attended schools in the Viborg area. He served in the United States Air Force from 1951 to 1957. For most of his time in the Air Force, he was stationed in France.

Wayne married Marjorie A. Olson on May 29, 1958, in Sioux Falls.

He attended South Dakota State University in Brookings, completing work on his college degree at North Iowa Area Community College in Mason City, Iowa. An electronics technician by profession, he worked in air traffic control for the Federal Aviation Administration at the airport in Mason City from 1958 until his retirement in 1988.

In 1989, Wayne and Marjorie moved from Mason City to Beresford. They had lived in Sioux Falls since 1995.

Wayne was a member of First United Methodist Church, Disabled American Veterans, American Legion Post 72 of Beresford and the National Association of Retired Federal Employees.

He was an avid traveler. One of his favorite destinations was Jackson Hole, Wyo., and he thoroughly enjoyed making trips for reunions with his Air Force buddies. He also enjoyed the simple pleasures of quality time at home with Marjorie and visits to and from his children and grandchildren. Among his loves were gardening, baseball and watching old movies. Some of his happiest days were spent driving the rural roads of Southeast South Dakota, pointing out landmarks from his past and sharing memories of yesterday. Oh, and the man could repair anything. Anything.

He is survived by his wife, Marjorie; son, Michael (Dixie) of Sioux City, Iowa; daughter, Michele Cook (Brian) of Andover, Kan.; son, John (Donna) of Frisco, Texas; daughter, Jean Gortmaker (Kerwin) of Salem, S.D.; grandchildren, Abigail and Amanda Gors of Sioux City, Ryan and Rachel Paris of Andover, Meghan and Brooke Gortmaker of Salem; step-grandchildren, Gracie Cook of Andover and Mason (Courtney) Chance of Frisco; sisters-in-law, Marilyn Gors of Vermillion, S.D.; Muriel Gors of Viborg, S.D., and Shirley Olson of Bassett, Neb.; many nieces and nephews; and his special four-legged little buddy, Rustee.

He was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers and one sister.

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