

HEITER, W. J. "Bill"

September 12, 1924
Emery, South Dakota
February 26, 1997
Sioux Falls

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W.J. "Bill" Heiter

W.J. "Bill" Heiter was born on September 12, 1924 at Emery, SD to Joseph and Ida Heiter. He married Norma Weiland at Bridgewater, SD on January 12, 1943.

He grew up in Emery and graduated from Emery High School. He served in the US Marine Corps during WWII. After the war he attended SDSU in Brookings and received his Master Degree in Education. He then taught, coached and was Superintendent at Barnard, SD for 10 years. He then served as Superintendent at South Shore for 8 years and at Viborg, SD

for 18 years before retiring in 1986.

He was a member of the Bridgewater American Legion Post, VFW Post 750 in Watertown, 40 et 8, Moose Lodge, and the Knights of Columbus 4th Degree.

He was presently serving as a Turner County Commissioner, Viborg City Councilman, and was formerly Mayor of Viborg from 1988 to 1993.

He died at McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls, SD on Wednesday, February 26, 1997.

He is survived by his wife - Norma of Viborg and four daughters - Connie Jensen of South Shore, SD, Carol Tjaden of Mandan, ND, Cheri Mahood of Lake Madison, SD, and Cindy Leitheiser of Sioux Falls, SD. Ten grandchildren and one great-grandchild. One brother - Vernon of Emery, SD.

He was preceded in death by his parents - Joseph and Ida Heiter.

Funeral Mass was held on Saturday, March 1, 1997 at Good Shepherd Catholic Church in Centerville, SD with Rev. Charles Duman officiating.

Pallbearers were Ron Jensen, Harvey Mahood, Tim Jensen, Josh Jensen, Harlowe Tjaden, Rich Leitheiser, Ryan Tjaden. Interment was at St. Stephen Cemetery, Bridgewater.