



Earl Hillesland

July 30, 1926 - January 1, 2009

Earl Freeman Hillesland of Wadena, MN, was born on July 30, 1926 to Didrick and Alfreda (Freeman) Hillesland in Northwood, ND. He was baptized and confirmed in Aneta, and graduated with the Aneta High School class of 1945. Earl attended Reedly Junior College in Reedly, CA, and went on to attend ND State University to receive his B.A. He continued at the University of ND at Grand Forks to earn his Masters Degree in Education Administration. Earl was united in marriage with Janice Jacobson on June 15, 1955 in Audubon. He served as a school superintendent for 30 years in the Audubon, Pequot Lakes, Upsala, and Parkers Prairie School Districts. He will also be remembered as a real estate broker and appraiser until retiring in 2006. He enjoyed golfing, playing cards, working crossword puzzles, attending church activities, and spending time with his family and friends. Earl passed away at Tri-County Hospital in Wadena on Thursday, January 1, 2009, at the age of 82 years. Earl was preceded in death by his parents, Didrick and Alfreda. He is survived by his wife, Janice; son Brian (Patti) of Wadena; daughters, Nancy (Rick) Ronning of Blaine, Wendy (Dale) Kelly of Huntington, AR, and Amy (Bryan) Greenwaldt of Wadena; 9 grandchildren, Brad Miller, Heidi (Joe) McAlester, Andy & Jake Hillesland, Kyle, Kirby, & Maggie Ronning, Matthew & Brandon Greenwaldt; great-granddaughter, Laney McAlester; and brother, Gene Hillesland of Tallahassee, FL & Aneta, ND. Funeral services were held at 11:00 AM on Monday, January 5, 2009 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Wadena with Pastor Rob Nelson officiating. Interment was in the Wadena

Cemetery. Honorary pallbearers were Heidi McAlester, Maggie Ronning, Matthew Greenwaldt, and Brandon Greenwaldt. Active pallbearers were Bradley Miller, Andrew Hillesland, Jacob Hillesland, Kyle Ronning, Kirby Ronning, John Hanson, and Michael Jacobson.

Tribute Wall

TK

“ Please know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers...Love to you all!

Tammie Klawitter - January 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ Jan and family...
Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Please remember we are thinking of you at the time of loss.
Sincere Sympathy,
Ginna and Pam

Ginna and Pam Canning - January 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SO

“ Jan, Amy and Hillesland family ~ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time.

Chris and Sarah O'Kane and girls

Sarah O'Kane - January 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ Dear Hillesland Family,
So sorry to hear of the passing of Earl, please know you are in our prayers at this difficult time.

Kevin and Sara Ross - January 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you Jan, your children and grandchildren. Earl will be remembered as a wonderful friend who always had a smile,a strong hand shake and a good joke to share.

Deb & Lyle Haraldson - January 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ You are all in our hearts and prayers.
(Amy-I am so sorry and I am thinking of you. Tracy)

Duane. Donna and Tracy Trana - January 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ We are so sorry for the loss of your dad, Amy. Please know that we are thinking about you today, knowing that you are going through a tough time of saying goodbye. I hope you find some peace in the memories and stories that will be shared with family and friends as you go through this. Take care. Kim and family

Kimberly Woods - January 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ I wanted to express my deepest sympathy during this time. Earl was always such a friendly man who could make anyone smile...I am sure he is in heaven making old friends smile! Know that my thoughts and prayers are with the Hillesland family.

*Kindest regards,
Beth Ament*

Beth Ament - January 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ I am remembering you in thought and prayer as you are saying goodbye to husband and father. God be with you in the days ahead as you pick up the pieces of life and move on. Much Love, Cousin Shirley

Shirley Pope - January 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ While we don't know the perfect words to say or the exact thing to do to comfort you, we want you to know how sorry we are to hear of your loss. (Dave's father just passed away right before Christmas so we understand how difficult this is for all of you.) Our warmest thoughts and sympathy are with you and your family.

Dave and Vicki (Theisen) Chesney - January 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Jan and family,
I want to extend my sympathy to your family for the loss of Earl. He was such a kind and friendly person. Know that you will be in our thought and prayers during this time.
May God grant you strength.
Michelle (Olson) Christiansen and family

Michelle (Olson) Christiansen - January 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ *Missed, Earl, you will be missed. I always remember your smile at the golf course. You will never know how many times, we would meet you and Jan coming up different holes on the front nine, or at the turn, and your freindly positive attitude made a difference in my game.*

Thank You Earl

Rest in Peace

Ray

Ray and Dorothy Beyer - January 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM