



## Melford Aus

August 6, 1935 - April 24, 2003

Whitey was born to Melvin & Anna (Sand) Aus on August 6, 1935 in Rugby, ND. He passed away on April 24th after a short illness related to a heart condition. He was a graduate of Rugby High School. He also graduated from the Minot State Teachers College and received his masters at UND in Grand Forks. While at UND he served as an assistant varsity men's basketball coach. He taught and coached at New Rockford, ND for 2 years and at Minot for 1 year before going into the military. While in the service he received the 1st Infantry Div. US Army Athletic Award as a member of the 1962 Engineer All Star Basketball team at Fort Riley, KS. In 1963 he moved to Wadena to teach and coach where he retired in 1992. He was also the girls softball coach in 1977. He played on the conference championship teams of 1954 & 1955 at Minot State and was inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame there in 1988. Whitey was also very involved in his community. He was a lifetime member of the Elks and held many of the officer positions in the club. He served as the District Hoop Shoot chairperson for 20 years. He also served as Drug Awareness Chairman for 20 years. In 1998 he was named the Minnesota Elk of the Year. Whitey was united in marriage to Beverly Olivanti of Virginia, Minn. on October 23, 1976 in Las Vegas, Nev. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother Dr. Mervin Aus and a sister Avonne Sheehan. Whitey is survived by his wife Beverly of Wadena; sister Lorna (Nick) Heilman of Minot and many nieces and nephews. Interment will take place at the Persilla Watts Cemetery in Rugby.