Bud was born at Carrington, North Dakota on May 25, 1925 the son of Wilford and Loretta (Cope) Berg. He was raised on the family farm in a Lutheran tradition and educated in a rural setting. At an early age Bud learned to work hard, first in the local area as a farm hand, and later as a logger in Oregon and the shipyards in California during the war years. He returned to North Dakota and was employed for a time at a Chevy Dealership in Carrington as a mechanic and later in Crosby, ND. He met and was united in marriage to Mildred Bakke at Plentywood, MT in 1953; together they raised three children. This marriage ended in divorce.

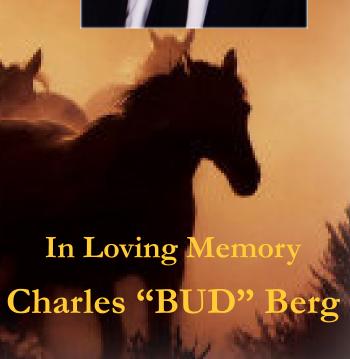
Bud worked in the Williston area for several different companies, SECO Truck Shop, Meade Campers and during the oil boom, DL Crane services, Borsheim Crane Service, WISCO's and a ranch hand for Buck Scheele.

Bud was united in marriage later in life to Ardith (Ardy) Detke, on August 12, 2000 at Alamo, North Dakota. Together Bud and Ardith enjoyed time at the Moose Lodge and dancing every opportunity they could find. Ardith preceded Bud in death on August 17, 2005.

Bud filled his days with hobbies that included woodworking, and iron works. He reminisced about earlier days on the Triple "R" Pony Ranch just on the NW edge of Williston where he raised his family and many horses. He loved the horseman way of life. As of late he enjoyed his friends at the Moose and Gramma Sharon's restaurant where he dined often.

Bud is survived by his children; Rodney Berg and Robyn Melling, both of Williston, ND, Roger Berg, of Mascoutah, IL, four grandchildren; Chantel Berg, Amy (David) Schmit, John and Mike Melling, one great grandson, Gabrial Berg, step-children; Travis Detke, Kathy Detke, Carla Miller, Kim Miller, Colette Erdman, Coleen Detke and a very special friend Ramona Parpart.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Ardith (Ardy) Berg, a grandson Chase Berg and sister Carol Jean Heinitz.



May 25, 1925 ~ September 7, 2009

## We Will Be Missing You

You were so full of life, Always smiling and carefree. Life loved you being a part of it, And we loved you for being a part of us.

You could make anyone laugh, If they were having a bad day. No matter how sad we were, You could take the hurt away.

Nothing could ever stop you, Or even make you fall. You were ready to take on the world, Ready to do it all.

But God decided he needed you, So from this world you left. But you took a piece of all of us, Our hearts are what you kept.

Our hearts now feel empty, And it's hard not to see your face. But please always know this, No One will ever take your place.

You left without warning, Not even saying good-bye. And we can't seem to stop, Asking the question why.

Life will be different, Our world just won't feel right. But we know you're in heaven, Watching over us day and night.

We didn't see this coming, It hit us by surprise. And when you left this world, A small part of us died.

Your smile could brighten anyone's day, No matter what they were going through. And we know everyday of the rest of our lives, We will be missing you.

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**IN MEMORY OF** CHARLES (BUD) BERG DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH MAY 25. 1925 CARRINGTON. NORTH DAKOTA DATE AND PLACE OF DEATH **September 7, 2009** MINOT. NORTH DAKOTA MEMORIAL SERVICE 2:00 PM. FRIDAY. September 11, 2009 GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH WILLISTON, NORTH DAKOTA CLERGY PASTOR DAVID HALAAS MUSIC SELECTIONS THE OLD RUGGED CROSS SUPPERTIME URNBEARERS ALL OF BUD'S GRANDCHILDREN AND HIS GREAT GRANDSON

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