

The LORD is my *Shepherd;*  
I shall not want.

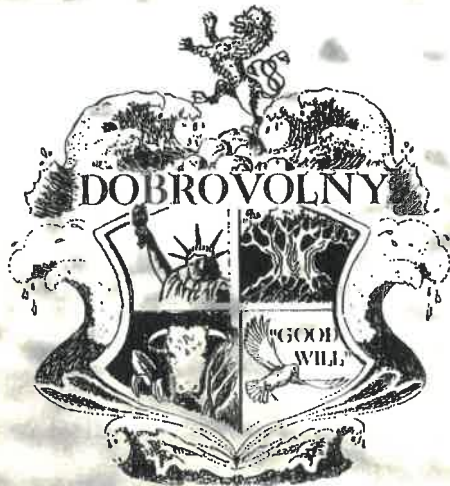
He maketh me  
lie down in green pastures:

He leadeth me beside the still waters,  
He restoreth my  
*soul:*

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness  
for His name's sake. Yea though I walk through the  
valley of the shadow of death.

*I will fear no evil:  
for Thou art with me;*  
Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparast a table before me in the presence of mine enemies  
Thou anointest my head with oil; My cup runneth over  
Surely goodness & mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life;  
And I will dwell in the house  
of the LORD *forever.*  
- Psalm 23



*In Loving Memory Of*  
**Joseph Dobrovolny, Jr.**  
September 25, 1922 - April 10, 2021



Joseph was born on September 25, 1922 and raised on the family farm in Debing Township in the Ross, ND area, with his 5 brothers and 3 sisters to Joseph Dobrovolny Sr. and Karoline Stolfa Dobrovolny. Joe graduated from Ross High School. He enjoyed dancing, sports, bowling and fishing. He was a volunteer fireman and a member of the Lutheran Church. As a person, he was one of the "Good Ones." He moved to "The Rosen Place" in Stanley, ND in December 2020. He was a proud WWII veteran. Joe served with the army from 1942 until 1946, training for anti-aircraft artillery 124 Battalion. His battery was one of four credited with shooting down rockets, saving 100,000 lives in London. He was part of the Battle of the Bulge. His service was in the European Theater Operations. He was part of the war that changed the world, often considered the greatest generation.

Joe married Ruth Dalhaug on June 20, 1948. They had 5 children, 12 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. He owned a grocery business in Ross, ND for 18 years and was a rural mail carrier for 22 years. He was known for his kindness and always lending a helping hand – not a day went by that he wasn't helping someone out "fixing something" regardless of the time of day. He was the community fix-it man. He also did plumbing and electrical work on the side.

He took responsibility early in life. At age 13, he would go to the neighbors and care for their horses or mend their fences. He was very innovative. He was always trying to improve living conditions on the farm. In 1946, he put a telephone line along their fence and about 6 families had telephone service. He rigged up a shower on their water tank in the farm yard so they could take showers outside and lights in the outhouse by connecting bulbs to batteries. As a mail carrier, he often dropped into homes to check on the occupants. He loved flowers, especially wild Tiger Lilies. He often brought them to his wife, mother, or the ladies on his mail route. The children got Easter baskets.

Ruth preceded him in death on March 22, 1993. Their five children are David (Connie), Deborah, Rebecca Chambers (George), Mark (Christy) and James (Judy). He married Charlotte Halvorson on April 22, 1994. They lived in Ross, ND until 2012. They moved to Elmcroft Assisted Living in Minot, ND. Charlotte preceded him in death on March 27, 2020.

In addition to his children, he is survived by his grandchildren Sheila Waddell (Brian); Paige Dobrovolny (John); Monica Summers (Steve); Amber Palazzolo (Joe); Ross Dobrovolny; Todd Chambers (Christy); Michael Dobrovolny (Kirsten); Nathan Dobrovolny (Sarah); Karmyn Tesoro (Nathan); Carrie Gamache (Patrick); Mathew Dobrovolny; Kimberly Dobrovolny; 17 great-grandchildren; sister, Georgia Rice; sister-in-law, Mabel Dobrovolny; cousin, Ted Dobrovolny (Jane); brother-in-law, Stanley Wright and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by Ruth and Charlotte; his parents; brothers, George, Harry, Fred, Robert and Richard; sisters, Olga and Valesta; great-granddaughters Maren Dobrovolny and Harper Jo Gamache.

## **In Loving Memory** *Joseph Dobrovolny, Jr.*

**Born to Joseph, Sr. & Karoline Dobrovolny**

September 25, 1922

Debing Township, Ross, North Dakota

**Returned to His Heavenly Father**

April 10, 2021

Stanley, North Dakota

### **Funeral Services**

11:00 AM, Friday, April 16, 2021

Our Savior Free Lutheran Church

Stanley, North Dakota

### **Officiating**

Pastor Rodney Johnson

### **Music**

"What A Friend We Have In Jesus"

"How Great Thou Art" ~ "In The Garden"

"Safe In The Arms Of Jesus"

### **Vocalist**

Kris Hetzel

### **Accompanist**

Heidi Fluhrer

### **Pallbearers**

All of Joe's Grandchildren

### **Military Honors**

American Legion Charles Hartman Post #134

North Dakota Veterans Honor Guard

### **Final Resting Place**

Bohemian Cemetery

Ross, North Dakota

### **Arrangements By**

Springan Stevenson Funeral Home

Stanley, North Dakota