Owen James Dundas was born on July 27, 1922 in Watford City, North Dakota to Sid and Clara (Olson) Dundas. He attended public schools in Watford City and then worked at the Figure 4 Ranch after graduation, and again after returning from the service. In 1943 he entered the United States Army, serving in the 71st Infantry Division in Europe during World War II where he was awarded the Bronze Star. In 1947 Jim earned his pilot’s license, attended Dakota Business College in Fargo, North Dakota, and started work with his father at the Cooperative Lumber Supply Company in Watford City. He remained there until 1959 when he joined S & S Motors as a bookkeeper. In 1961 Jim began his career at McKenzie Electric Cooperative (REC), retiring in 1985. Jim married Harriet Aletha Elsberry on September 24, 1948 in Watford City, and they had one daughter, Mary Ann.

Jim was a member of First Lutheran Church, serving on the Church Council as well as singing in the choir. He was Secretary of the Watford City Community Benefit Association for 30 years. He was also a member of the American Legion Drill Team, the VFW, and the American Legion. He served on the McKenzie County Memorial Hospital Board and the City Board.

Jim was an avid outdoorsman who loved camping, hunting, and fishing. His favorite vacations were those spent fly fishing on the Gallatin River near Bozeman, MT. He was also a skilled carpenter and woodworker, spending countless hours in his orderly workshop. He had a deep love for his family and country, a loyal sense of patriotism, and great pride in his stoic, Scottish heritage.

He is survived by his daughter, Mary (Daniel) Nelson of Fargo, ND; grandson, Eric (Maralee) Nelson; and great-granddaughter, Sophia Nelson of South Hamilton, MA; granddaughter, Kathryn Nelson of Fargo, ND; nephews, Gary Sundfor of Rock Springs, WY, James (Virginia) Dundas of Helena, MT, and Mark (Patti) Dundas of Billings, MT; nieces, Sandy Dundas of Helena, MT and Vicki Dundas of Missoula, MT.

Jim was predeceased by his wife, Harriet, just three weeks ago on October 3; his parents, Sid and Clara Dundas; two brothers, Robert Dundas and Stuart Dundas; and a sister, Jean Sundfor Worl.
“And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying…”, Rev. 21:4 NKJ

When we reach heaven’s Glory Land
And scan the road behind,
No tears shall dim our eternal eyes~
No Pains shall come to mind!
For Christ will wipe away all tears~
His peace gives perfect rest.
Only bright memories from earth are there~
His Presence makes us blest!
The days of fright and turmoil~
The nights with aches, disease~
Have vanished, when, at Jesus’ feet,
All sorrows and burdens cease!
The cares of earth, that once weighed down,
Then gone, in the ne’er repeated past.
The joys of Heaven, now made sure~
With Jesus ~ Home at last!
On earth, we’ve shared our joys and toil~
Days, sad and long, or otherwise~
In Heaven we’ll celebrate eternity,
Christ’s Gift ~ that never dies!
In that never-ending home
With those we love the best,
Our Father’s grace removes all loss~
We’ll grow in perfect rest!
No Human foibles cause concern,
No earthly plans, to go awry:
We’ll praise the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
Beneath the Heavenly sky!

Ralph A. Jones (WCHS Class of 1952)

In Loving Memory
Owen James Dundas

Date And Place Of Birth
July 27, 1922
Watford City, North Dakota

Date And Place Of Death
October 22, 2009
Watford City, North Dakota

Funeral Service
11:00 AM, Monday, October 26, 2009
First Lutheran Church
Watford City, North Dakota

Officiating
Pastor Chris Montgomery
Pastor Jim Stenslie           Pastor Alton Hillesland

Musicians
Caroline Schwartz ~ Organist

Casketbearers
Arden Berg           Miles Johnsrud         Don Stenberg
John Johnston           Jim Tveter              Larry Larsen
Dr. Gary Ramage

Interment
Schafer Cemetery
Watford City, North Dakota