

William “Bill” Roy Black, 90, of Grace City, ND, peacefully passed away on May 14, 2017, at the Lutheran Home of the Good Shepherd in New Rockford, ND.

William Roy was born October 12, 1926, in Larrabee Township, Foster County, on a farm near Brantford, ND, to G.C. (Grover Cleveland) and Estella Benetta (Peterson) Black. He attended school at Grace City for his elementary school years, and at Juanita, ND, for his high school years, where he graduated in 1944.

On New Year’s Eve, 1944, he met Leona Tonn, and they married October 19, 1947, at her parent’s home in New Rockford. They lived, farmed, and retired on the Prairie Rose Farm near Juanita until May 2014, when they moved into Carrington, ND.



William was a member of the Grace Lutheran Church in Grace City. He served on the Board of Directors for the Lutheran Home of the Good Shepherd, and he was also a member of the Central North Dakota Steam Threshers. His interests included history, music (playing the organ), restoring old tractors and collecting antiques.

He is survived by his wife, Leona; daughters, Rebecca (David) Utke, Glenfield, ND; Barbara Venarchick, Casa Grande, AZ; Donetta Black, Hobbs, NM; and son, Kevin (Judy) Black, Glenfield, ND; six grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by an infant son, Robert Leon; his parents; brothers, Paul (Borghild) and Norvin (Phyllis); sisters, Alice (Lloyd Olson) and Esther (Benton Buell); and son-and law, Robert Venarchick.



In Loving Memory
William "Bill" Black

October 12, 1926 – Larrabee Twnshp, Foster County
May 14, 2017 – New Rockford, ND

The Twenty-Third Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

*He maketh me to 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 preparest a table before me in the
presence of mine enemies; thou anointest my
head with oil; my cup runneth over.*

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the
house of the Lord forever*

FUNERAL SERVICE

Saturday, May 20, 2017 – 10:30AM
Grace Lutheran Church
Grace City, ND

OFFICIATING

Rev. Sherri Frederickson

MUSIC

Colleen Greger, Organist
Darwin Solberg, Vocalist

CASKET BEARERS

Bill's Grandchildren
Janna & Todd Vetsch,
Joel & Holly Utke,
Shane Black,
Kimberly Meckle & Jason Mann,
Brenna & Bryan Coltrane,
Meghan McLaughlin

HONORARY BEARERS

Bill's Great-Grandchildren
Benjamin, Joshua
Drew, Ethan, Bryce, Brooke, Hudson, Sienna
Branson, Daniel, Carolyn
Aiden
Tyler, Jordan, Shaelynn

BURIAL

Grace City Cemetery

Arrangements By
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