

Judson “Judd” Mackrill, age 96, of Jamestown, ND, died, early morning Tuesday, January 30, 2018, after a brief illness, at Eventide, Jamestown, ND.

Judson Floyd Mackrill was born January 11, 1922, in a sod house in Blaine County, NE. He was the son of Orla and Catherine (Lanum) Mackrill. He grew up mostly on the family ranch near Brewster, NE. Where he attended school and graduated in 1940. Judd attended Grand Island Business College for eight months and moved to Washington D.C. where he went to work as a Civilian Clerk Typist for the Navy. Subsequently he enlisted in the U.S. Navy in November 27, 1942, and was sent to Navy Radio School at Berkley Springs, West Virginia.

While in the Navy he made 13 trips to North Africa, Italy and The United Kingdom. After three years of Naval enlistment Judd took employment in Civilian Personnel for the U.S. Army at the Pentagon. There he moved up the ranks of Civilian Personnel for 24 years having been involved in many personnel projects gaining numerous Awards and promotions. Eventually with a promotion he was reassigned to the Forrestal Building in Washington D. C., where he worked in Management and Employee relations for another 10 years until retirement as a GS13.

While attending Radio School Judd met Mary Phyllis Umstot of Cumberland, MD. They were united in marriage on December 2, 1944, at Saint Patrick’s in New Your City, NY, while between Atlantic Convoy Crossings.

After retirement Judd and Phyllis spent the next several years traveling all 50 states and visiting their son and family in Nebraska and North Dakota. Judd and Phyllis spent nearly 36 summers visiting and working with their son Gary and his family in the Cathay area. He enjoyed fishing, wild life, and the outdoors.

He is survived by his wife of 73 years Mary Phyllis, Jamestown, his son Gary (Linda), Cathay, grandson Judson D. (Kim), granddaughters Melinda Mackrill, and Amanda (Thomas) Herron; three great-granddaughters and two great-grandsons. Judd also leaves four nephews and five nieces and numerous great-nephews and nieces.

Judd was preceded in death by his parents; brothers Ollie, Charles, Bob, and Jim; by his sisters Margie and Twila. His oldest son Dennis Mackrill, nephew Edward Beyer, niece Kathy Gruber, and Great niece Tracy Beyer.



## ***The Dash Between***

*I read of a man who stood to speak  
At the funeral of a friend.  
He referred to the dates on his tombstone  
From the beginning. to the end.  
He noted that first came his date of birth  
And spoke the following date with tears,  
But he said what mattered most of all  
Was the dash between those years. (1922 - 2018)  
For that dash represents all the time  
That he spent alive on earth...  
And now only those who loved him  
Know what that little line is worth.  
For it matters not, how much we own;  
The cars...the house...the cash,  
What matters is how we live and love  
And how we spend our dash.  
So think about this long and hard...  
Are there things you'd like to change?  
For you never know how much time is left,  
That can still be rearranged.  
If we could just slow down enough  
To consider what's true and real,  
And always try to understand  
How other people feel.  
And be less quick to anger,  
And show appreciation more  
And love the people in our lives  
Like we've never loved before.  
If we treat each other with respect,  
And more often wear a smile...  
Remembering that this special dash  
Might only last a little while.  
So when your eulogy's been read  
With your life's actions to rehash...  
Would you be proud of the things they say  
About how you spent your dash??*



## In Honored Memory Of ***Judson F. Mackrill***

January 11, 1922  
Rural Blaine County, NE

January 30, 2018  
Jamestown, ND

FUNERAL SERVICE  
Monday, February 5, 2018 - 9:30AM  
Evans Funeral Home  
Carrington, ND

OFFICIATING  
Fr. Terry Dodge  
Rev. Joe Greiner

SPECIAL MUSIC  
"Old Rugged Cross"  
"Peace in the Valley"

HONORARY BEARERS

MILITARY HONORS  
National Honors Team

BURIAL  
Quantico Veterans Cemetery  
Quantico, VA

*Fellowship will be held at the  
Chieftain after the service*

Arrangements by  
Evans Funeral Home – Carrington & New Rockford, ND  
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