

William “Bill” Hope, age 99, passed away Saturday, February 27, 2021, at CHI St. Alexis Health, Carrington, ND.

William Raymond Hope was born January 2, 1922, to G. L. and Hazel (Fahy) Hope in Fessenden, ND. Bill graduated from Fessenden High School in 1939. He attended NDSU. Two quarters short of graduating in 1943, Bill enlisted in the Army Air Corps. As a flight engineer on a B-29 he flew missions over China, Japan, and the Southeast Pacific. After World War II, he continued his service as an Air Force Reservist from 1947 to 1971, retiring as a lieutenant colonel. When he returned to the states, Bill married Donna Carter on September 19, 1945, in Seattle, WA. They returned to Fessenden after his discharge, where he joined his father’s Ford dealership. Bill moved the business to New Rockford in 1951, later merging with Albert Haas’ International Harvester dealership to form Town and Country Motors. He retired from that business in 1979.

Bill was active in his community and his church, a long-time member of Kiwanis, the Masons, Shrine, and Grand Commandery, American Legion and VFW. He was a member of the First Methodist Church board for many years, and often served as church treasurer. He was inducted into the Order of the Arrow for his service to the board of Boy Scout Troop 174. He also served on the city Park Board at a time of growth in local recreational facilities, and was one of the first to hold a lifetime membership in the New Rockford Golf Club. In his retirement, Bill served as municipal judge for over ten years.

He is survived by five children: Ronan Rolland, Benson MN, W. Carter (Jacqueline) Hope, Kennewick WA, Jennifer (Mike) Martin, Rock Springs WY, James (Jackie) Hope, Dickinson ND, and Sharron Hope, New Rockford ND; seven grandchildren: Adam Rolland, Rachel Rolland, Garrett Hope, Andrea Hope Hall, Andrew Martin, Nathan Martin, and Patrick Hope; seven great-grandchildren and several nieces.

Bill is preceded in death by his wife of 61 years, Donna; parents G. L. and Hazel Hope; siblings Helen H. Graves, Richard A. Hope, and Harriet Winn; brother-in-law Robert H. Carter and son-in-law Richard Rolland, Jr.

Memorials may be made in Bill’s name to the Lutheran Home of the Good Shepherd or Prairie Home Cemetery Auxiliary.

In Loving Memory of



William “Bill” Hope

January 2, 1922 – February 27, 2021

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VISITATION

Friday, July 23, 2021

12:00PM - 4:30PM

Evans Funeral Home, New Rockford, ND

FUNERAL SERVICE

Saturday, July 24, 2021 ~ 11:00AM

First Congregational Church, New Rockford, ND

OFFICIATING

Rev. Mindy Meier

SPECIAL MUSIC

Jackie Hope ~ Organ

Patrick Hope ~ Trumpet

Ashley Stark Hope ~ Soloist

How Great Thou Art

First Congregational UCC Choir

Be Still My Soul

Congregational Hymns

My Country Tis Of Thee and *He Touched Me*

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Grandchildren

Adam Rolland ~ Rachel Rolland ~ Garrett Hope

Andrea Hall ~ Andrew Martin ~ Nathan Martin ~ Patrick Hope

MILITARY HONORS

Raymond B. Thorn American Legion, Post #30, New Rockford

North Dakota Air Force Funeral Honors Team

Arrangements by

Evans Funeral Home – Carrington & New Rockford, ND

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So live, that when thy summons comes to join
The innumerable caravan, which moves
To that mysterious realm, where each shall take
His chamber in the silent halls of death,
Thou go not, like the quarry-slave at night,
Scourged to his dungeon, but, sustained and soothed
By an unfaltering trust, approach thy grave,
Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch
About him, and lies down to pleasant dreams.

From “Thanatopsis”
by William Cullen Bryant