



Irving Traiser, 83, Minot, died on Thursday Dec. 6, 2012, at Trinity Hospital in Minot. Irving Traiser was born January 29, 1929 in Drake, North Dakota, to Ira and Florence (Johnson) Traiser. He grew up on a farm in the Drake area. He was educated in a country school near Drake and worked on his parents' farm until he moved to Minot when he was 18. He worked at Westlie Motor for a short time and then Mitchell Hardware. On October 5, 1954, Irving was united in marriage to Agnes Merck at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic church in Karlsruhe, North Dakota. They made their home in Minot. Irving started working at Northern States Power in December of 1955. He

retired as a Telephone System Technician Foreman in August of 1990 after 35 years of service. Irving was a member St. Leo's Catholic Church, Minot. Daily mass was a very important part of his life. He was a lifetime member of the Knight of Columbus and a member of the Royal Order of Moose. Irving's passion was music. He was a member of the Frozen Fingers Music Association of North Dakota. Although never having any formal training, Irving taught himself to play guitar, accordion, and piano. Over the years, he played with several different musical groups. The latest group he played with was Jerry Schlag and Friends. They volunteered to play at several different assisted living facilities in Minot. He played up until a week before passing. Irving also enjoyed woodworking, including making model farm machinery. Irving was a very handy man. He could fix most anything around the house and yard. He always had some kind of project going; he continued this up until his passing. For many years, Irving enjoyed getting together with his former co-workers for morning coffee. He will be remembered as a hardworking family man whose quick wit left smiles on the faces of many.

Those Most Honored to Share His Life: wife of 58 years, Agnes, Minot; children: Sandy (Bruce) Siegrist, Simpson, KS - Chuck (Pam) Traiser, Grand Forks, ND - Bill (Elaine) Traiser, Rosemount, MN - Don (Patty) Traiser, Bismarck, ND - Deb (Keith) Larson, Mandan, ND - Amy (Ron) Nissen, Minot, ND; 14 grandchildren: Calvin (Christina) Burke, Charles (Josie) Burke, Amy (Caleb) Anderson, Bonnie (Josh) Carr, Michelle (Chad) Schumacher, Matt (fiancée Kristen) Traiser, Dana Traiser, Jenna (Ryan) Bettin, Andrew Traiser, Alexie Traiser, Sadie Larson, James Larson, Emma Nissen and Eli Nissen; 11 great-grandchildren; brother: David (Susann) Traiser, Hazen, ND; sisters: Verna (George) Gilfus, Turtle Lake, ND - Verla (Neil) Zimmerman, Minot ND - Faye (Terry) McCarty, Minot, ND. Numerous nieces, nephews and cousins also survive. Irving was preceded in death by his parents, and brothers-in-law, Frank Bauer and Buster Oothoudt. Burial: Rosehill Memorial Park, Minot, ND.