
Diedrich Henry Wiegand(1932 - 2017)**Wiegand, Diedrich Henry**

went to be with our Lord on 2-28-17. He was born 2-29-32 in Overton, NE to Aloysius and Gertrude (Erpelding) Wiegand. Dick was one of ten children. He graduated from Kearney H.S. in 1950, earning all state honors in football and basketball, two heavy-weight boxing state championships, and twelve letters. Dick was drafted by the Brooklyn Dodger organization. He was a hurler for the Ponca City and Newport News Dodgers and the Rapid City Chiefs. He won three minor league pennants in his baseball career, which was briefly interrupted by the [Korean War](#) where he served in the [Army](#) as a radio operator. Following his service to our country, Dick graduated from Kearney State Teachers College in 1958 and began work at Allstate Insurance, where he earned numerous accolades over a 32 year career. Golf was also Dick's passion. Dick met and married Margaret Ann (Baldwin) Wiegand in Rapid City, SD. They were married on 9-5-1959. They shared 41 years together until her passing on 12-14-2000. Dick met Della (Miller) Wiegand his second wife in Yuma, AZ. They moved to Sun City West, AZ and married 1-17-2003. They shared 14 years together. Dick loved spending time with family and friends of which he had many. Dick is survived by his wife, Della, his beloved children; Kirby Wegner, Joseph and Jennifer (Edgar) Wiegand, Theresa (Wiegand) and Greg Bednar, his four grandchildren, Katherine (Wiegand) Fritts, Emily Wiegand, Diedrich Bednar and Andrew Bednar. His brothers and sisters Lorraine (Wiegand) and Fred [Smith](#), Delbert and Norita Wiegand, Lucy (Wiegand) and Al Candy, Al Wiegand, Leonard and Virginia Wiegand, His brother and sister-in-law, Don and Katie (Baldwin) Jorgensen. His loving nieces and nephews as well as grand nieces and nephews. Dick was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Margaret (Baldwin) Wiegand, his sisters Verna Mae (Wiegand) Simpson and Joanne (Wiegand) Starr. A memorial get together will be hosted by Della in Sun City West this spring. The children will have a memorial mass and interment this summer in WI.

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