

Stanley Alvin Witteman was born July 1, 1933 on a farm four miles north of Mohall in Hurley Township, Renville County to George and Cecelia (Triggs) Witteman. He grew up on the farm and attended Mohall Public School graduating from MHS in 1951 as valedictorian of his class. He attended NDSU, joined the ROTC and became a member of the sharpshooter team. He graduated in 1955 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Engineering and Management. After graduation from NDSU, he became gainfully employed and moved to Port Richey, FL. He then took job in Chicago, IL and was employed for a short time by Ford Motor Co. building Pratt & Whitney Jet Engines in the old World War II Dodge Army Tank Plant.

Soon after that job, he entered the service as a 2nd Lieutenant and was stationed at Kirtland AFB Special Weapons Center in Albuquerque, NM. During this time he witnessed the largest above-ground nuclear explosion in the United States. In 1957 he moved to Mohall and started farming the family farm with his father, George. He started preparing taxes for family and friends in 1959 and developed this talent into a small business service.

On July 9, 1960 he was united in marriage to Marilyn Einarson at Melankton Lutheran Church in Upham, ND. The couple made their home in Mohall where he continued to farm and operate his tax preparation business. After a lightning strike burned the family's ranch-style farmhouse to the ground in July of 1975, the family moved to a home within the city limits of Mohall. Stanley retired from farming and made tax preparation his main career. He also dabbled in mixing slip and pouring hobby ceramic molds and became very proficient at producing high quality greenware pieces for the Kountry Kiln ceramic shop operated by wife, Marilyn. Stanley moved his tax service to Minot in the late 1990s. His son, Mitch, joined Witteman Tax Service in the late fall of 2005. Stanley resided in Minot and continued to prepare and file taxes until the time of his passing.

Stanley was involved in many organizations throughout the years, including the Masonic Lodge, where he was a past Worshipful Master; Eastern Star – Worthy Patron; Yellowjacket Booster Club; the American Legion; Elks; and Mohall Jaycees. Currently Stanley was a founding member of the Northern Mini Racers RC Race Club in Minot.

Stanley pursued many passions. When the Jaycees were active in Mohall he was one of the many tractor pull enthusiasts and was there to add his two cents worth to the development of the sled. Another passion was racing. He started with the big cars (along with his sister, Nyla, who raced in the Powder Puff division) which he raced around the track at the Mohall Fairgrounds. Later in life, he downsized and began tweaking and racing 1/12 scale RC cars. He shared his passion for RC racing with his son, Mitch, and his grandson, Steven. However, their skills on the track soon surpassed his own. As an engineer he was always in pursuit of building a better machine. This led to a passion for collecting lawn mowers and parts. Of course there were many “treasures” which Stan liked to collect, if only to save them from some ill fate. He was an avid sports fan and supported the Yellowjackets, the Roughriders and more recently the Mavericks, no matter who was on the team. He was known for hauling a van full of kids off to a football or basketball game in Tioga or Parshall or whatever town was on the schedule that week. When his kids and grandkids started playing sports, that was even better. He was often surrounded by an entourage of kids as he handed out quillos after basketball camp. He loved spending time with his children and his grandchildren especially during the annual “Trip with Grandpa” to the ND State Fair.

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DATE OF BIRTH

July 1, 1933
Rural Mohall, North Dakota

DATE OF DEATH

September 7, 2009
Minot, North Dakota

Seventy-six years, two months, six days

FUNERAL SERVICE

Zion Lutheran Church
Mohall, North Dakota
Friday—September 11, 2009—2:00 p.m.

CLERGY

Reverend Steve Johnson and Reverend Connie Southam

MUSIC

Ladies Group: Diane Witteman, Shanette Haarsager, Melanie Miller,
Cheryl Scherr, Norine Johnson and Peggy Brown
The Little Brown Church in the Vale and In the Garden

Kids group: Kaitlyn and Becca Schoenberg, Allison and Cassey Voigt,
Morgan Raap and Taylor Aasen

Jesus Loves Me

Organist: Chantel R. Southam

Congregational Hymns: *Rock of Ages and Amazing Grace*

CASKETBEARERS

Darwin Peterson	Les Randash	Kirby Becker
John Hollarn	Don Abernathey	Jay Abemathey

BURIAL

Mohall Community Cemetery
Mohall, North Dakota

FAMILY

Wife, Marilyn, Mohall, ND
Daughters, Vonda (Craig) Schmidt, Mohall, ND;
Susan (Todd) Schoenberg, Mohall, ND
Son, Mitchell Witteman, Minot, ND
Grandchildren, Amy Schmidt, East Grand Forks, MN;
Steven Schmidt, Fargo, ND;
Kaitlyn “Kato” and Becca “Bec-meister” Schoenberg, Mohall, ND
Sister, Nyla (David) Switlick, Bismarck, ND
Nieces, Angela (Thomas) Roddy, Atlantic Highlands, NJ;
Michaelanne “Cale” Jones, San Leandro, CA
Nephew, William Montgomery “Monte” Jones, Bismarck, ND
Great-Nieces and a Great-Nephew, Christopher Mohl, Bismarck, ND;
Jasmine Cato, Oakland, CA; and Zoe Roddy, Atlantic Highlands, NJ;
and close friends of Stan’s, John Reiser and Kirby Becker

Stan was preceded in death by his parents,
and his son, Jay Mitchell Witteman.

Following the graveside service, please gather with the family at the church for a time of fellowship. Please share your memories of Stan with us and one another. Our family thanks you for being present with us today.