

## **Duane McCullough – BS 1955 Pharmacy**

Duane (Mac) McCullough, 89, of Oakes, ND passed away Thursday, October 20, 2022 at Royal Oakes Assisted Living, Oakes.

Mac was born July 22, 1933 to Ted and Doris (Langager) McCullough in Hope, ND. He was the oldest of three sons. He attended school at Hope and graduated from North Dakota State University School of Pharmacy in 1955. He served in the United States Army and worked for Foss Drug in Valley City, ND. He married Erls Fernow in 1959. The couple had three children: Dave, Sarah and Chuck.

In January of 1964, Mac bought Wells Drug and moved to Oakes and renamed the store Oakes Drug. For the next thirty years, he proudly served the community as a pharmacist. In addition to operating the business, he was an active member of multiple organizations which included the Chamber of Commerce, Park Board, Golf Course, Cub Scouts and Grace Lutheran Church Council.

In July of 1994, Mac sold the store and started a busy retirement. He enjoyed traveling (all 50 states) and he went on multiple senior bus trips. He also enjoyed the Olympics, golfing (his home course in Oakes and SE Senior Golf League), fishing (local rivers and lakes and Alaska), helping with Meals on Wheels, rooting for Bison football, watching as many baseball games as possible, and Mac loved visiting with family and friends.

Mac worked hard to build a successful business and was thankful for the community that supported his efforts. The most important things to Mac were his family, friends and community.

Mac is survived by his three children: Dave (Dorothy), Grand Forks, ND; Sarah (Tom Magill), Fargo, ND; Chuck (Kim), Brookings, SD; three grandchildren, Kelsey, Paul and Maddie; and brothers Howard, Cynthiana, KY and Bruce, Port Lavaca, TX.

Visitation will be held on Friday, October 28, 2022 from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. followed by his funeral at 11:00 a.m. at Grace Lutheran Church in Oakes. Burial will take place at Oakes View Cemetery, Veteran Section. Mac's service will be live streamed on the Dahlstrom Funeral Home website [www.dahlstromfuneralhome.com](http://www.dahlstromfuneralhome.com) on his obituary page.

In lieu of flowers, please consider giving memorials to the Oakes Fire Department, Grace Lutheran Church or the Oakes Lions Club.