

Robert Penne – BS 1963 Pharmacy

Robert Penne, 87, Bismarck, passed away on May 20, 2014, at a Bismarck hospital. A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 25, at Bismarck Funeral Home with the Rev. Donna Dohrman officiating. A private family burial was held at North Dakota Veterans Cemetery.

Bob was born Dec. 23, 1926, to Earl and Inga (Larson) Penne in Minot. He was raised and educated in Minot and graduated from Minot High School.

Bob earned his B.S. degree in pharmacy from North Dakota State University and was a pharmacist for various drug stores, which included Sterling Drug, Austin, Minn.; Ekren Drug, Thief River Falls; and he owned Green Drug & Gift in Dickinson.

He married Una Mae Astrup on June 16, 1956, in Grenora and together, they had three children. He joined the Merchant Marines which is now part of the Coast Guard, and served from 1944-46. He then was drafted into the U.S. Army and served during the Korean Conflict. While in the service, Bob received the Purple Heart, the Combat Infantry Badge and Battle Star.

Bob was a member of the Elks, Rotary and volunteered for Meals on Wheels.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Una Mae, Bismarck; his daughter, Beth (Kurt) Delaney, Fort Collins, Colo.; his sons, Robert (Devany), Wynnewood, Pa., and Jonathan (Erin), Prior Lake, Minn.; five grandchildren, Daniel, Mara, Katelyn, Hailey and Dylan; and his sister, Elayne Cannon Bishop, Billings, Mont.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, LaVern (Peggy) and Lloyd (Margaret); two sisters, Marion (Robert) Foster and Genevive (Les) Hoeg; and two brothers-in-law, James Cannon and Al Bishop.