



## *In Loving Memory Of*

Galand Franklin Bohn passed away on Monday, September 3, 2018 at Bethesda Nursing Home in Webster, South Dakota at the age of 90.

Galand was born May 31, 1928 in the original house on the homestead near Holmquist, South Dakota to Frank and Helen (Malloy) Bohn. He attended country school 1 mile from the farm, Butler High School and then transferred to Webster High School to play drums and basketball. He graduated in 1945 and joined the National Guard in 1948. He enlisted in the Army and was activated in 1950. He proudly served in the Korean War as a Sargeant 1st Class Tank Commander in Alaska until 1953. In June 1954, he married Betty Thennis and they made their home on the family farm where together they raised the 4 Ks - Kevin, Karen, Kristine and Kathleen. In 1959, they moved to California for a year because of the drought and Galand worked for Standard Oil as an Operator. Farm life called him back and in 1970 he added another profession, working for the US Postal Service in Webster. He delivered mail for 14 years, walking 12 miles a day. He worked another 6 years as maintenance for the Post Office and then retired in 1991. He continued farming until 2006 then sold the homestead and moved to Fort Collins, Colorado where he lived until moving to the nursing home in June of 2018.

Galand was a lifetime member of the American Legion and served as an Honor Guard for 35 years. His military service and the bonds of friendship he made there were very important to him. He was fortunate to travel to Washington, DC on the 2011 Honor Flight to visit the Korean/WWII Memorial. This was an incredible and very emotional experience for him. He proudly wore his Korean hat, jacket and shirt and displayed a lighted American flag outside his home year round.

Galand was a natural athlete at any sport he tried. He was on a bowling league for 30 years with a high game of 264 and a 205 average. He was an avid golfer and played many tournaments with his buddies Roger Grimsrud, Jim Delaney, Willy Fisher and Jim Caster. He loved the sport, teaching it to as many friends and family as possible. Fall brought out the hunter in him, especially when he had his dog, Trina, by his side. Skiing was another pasttime he enjoyed and was tickled to be able to ski free at Terry Peak at the age of 70! He taught his kids and grandkids all his skills over the years and enjoyed being a bleacher coach for basketball, volleyball, tennis, golf, football, and his newest love - hockey.

His children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren were the light of his life and they loved their "Opa" and "Poopa"! He was so much a part of their lives, attending the many activities and celebrating their accomplishments. He loved music and was always requesting a tune from the grandkids. He was very artistic and loved to paint, draw, carve, and create yard art. He planted the seeds of love of life and knowledge, adventure and humor in everyone he touched. Known to many as "Joe Foreman", Galand loved his family, his friends and neighbors and was always ready for a Crown Royal. Cheers Dad! You will forever be in our hearts. We love you and we will miss you!

Those forever grateful to share in his life include Betty - his wife of 64 years; children: Kevin-Webster, SD, Karen (Brett) Lynass - Sturgis, SD, Kristine (Todd) Kurle - Pullman, WA, Kathleen (Terry) Kulesa - Fort Collins, CO; grandchildren: Kristine, Kelly, Luke, Rachel, Emily, JD, Jake, Joe, Kobie, Keegan and Kylie; great-grandchildren: Benjamin and Beckham; brother: Gerald (Elayne) Bohn, Chaska, MN and sister: Donna (Ed) Majeske, Webster, SD; many cousins, neices and nephews. He was preceeded in death by his parents, Frank and Helen, sisters, Dorothy and Delores and half-brother, Bud Zimmerman.

The family would like to thank the staff at Bethesda Nursing Home in Webster, South Dakota for their kindness and compassion during Galand's stay.

A service with military honors will be held at the Black Hills National Cemetary near Sturgis, SD on Friday, September 21, 2018 at 1:30 PM with a Celebration of Life following the service at The Loud American Roadhouse in Sturgis. A memorial has been established to the Webster American Legion Honor Guard. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.kinkadefunerals.com](http://www.kinkadefunerals.com).



**Galand Franklin Bohn**

**1928 - 2018**



## Opa's version of The Next Place

When it's time to leave this place,  
and move to the great Unknown,  
I won't be bothered by the daily grind,  
but I'll make that life my own.

My morning golf game will be fluid.  
No lost balls or sand traps.  
My afternoons will be spent reading,  
or possibly taking naps.

My hands will carve without any pain.  
That Sylvan Lake picture finally done.  
The yard birds and wooden ducks,  
will fly to the setting sun.

I'll finally enjoy the music,  
and all the things I couldn't hear.  
See the hockey pucks as they fly by.  
Swim without any fear.

The tractors will be air-conditioned.  
Grain will grow like weeds.  
Entire fields will be completed,  
by planting just one seed.

Cows will walk in single file.  
Rocks will pick themselves.  
My bowling ball will no longer sit,  
gathering dust upon a shelf.

Everything will taste like chocolate.  
Every Republican gets my vote.  
Every argument I will win,  
And I'll get a daily joke.

I'll still visit my grandkids,  
just watch them from afar,  
while I sit and enjoy a Crown Royal,  
at a Phoenix swim-up bar.

And I won't be tired and I won't be angry,  
And I won't be worried if I fall,  
but the thing I'll miss in that great Unknown  
will be sharing in this with you all!

Love you Dad! *Kathy*

