Walter Ernest Cundy

July 10, 1914 – February 10, 1993

Walter Ernest Cundy, 78 of Billings, MT, died Wednesday, February 10, 1993, at his home. Ernest, one of two twin sons, was born July 10, 1914, in Spearfish, SD to Issac Henry and Mary Ellen (Crago) Cundy. He attended Nebraska School for the Deaf in Omaha, NE and South Dakota School for the Deaf in Sioux Falls, SD.

His early adult years were devoted to family farming in the Black Hills area of South Dakota, prior to moving to Akron, OH, in 1944, where he worked as a welder for Firestone Tires.



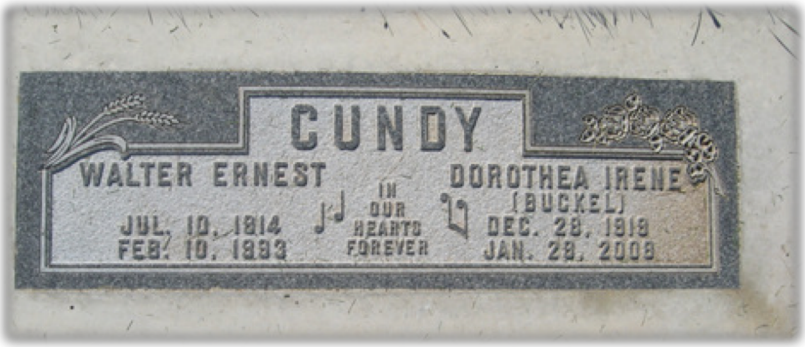
He married Dorothea Irene Buckel on June 16, 1946, in Akron, and following their marriage they moved to the Black Hills. In 1948, they moved to Montana where Ernest farmed in Pryor, Billings and Laurel, before going to work for Billings Logan International Airport as a building custodian in 1959.

In all his 20 years there, he was well-known throughout the city for his outgoing personality, his ready smile to visitors and his devotion to his work. What he couldn't speak with his tongue showed in his face and actions.

Ernest was an active member of Mount Olive Lutheran Church, Billings Saddle Club, the Senior Citizens Center and the ABC Bowling League at Fireside Bowling Lanes. His hobbies included gardening, bowling, and watching sports on TV.

He was survived by his wife, Dorothea; two daughters and sons-in-law, Ann M. and Ray W. McCauley, Sunnyvale, CA, and Rosie and David W. Wiewel, Parker, CO; one granddaughter, Wendy Wiewel, Northridge, CA; two brothers and sisters-in -law, Richard L. and Bernice Cundy, St Onge, SD, and Elvin and Ida Mae Cundy, Los Angeles, CA; two sisters and one brother-in-law, Eva Kunes, Spearfish, SD, and Annabelle and Conrad Ellsbury, Alladin, WY; and a number of nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his stepmother, Wilma Cundy and seven brothers, George, Clarence, Cecil, Earl, Henry, Ray and Fred.



Services was at 10:30 am Wednesday, February 17, 1993, at Rosehill Cemetery in Spearfish, with the Rev. Chris Wareham, Pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, officiating. Fidler Funeral Chapel of Spearfish was in charge of arrangements.