



Cynthia Eggl

Mass of Christian Burial for Cynthia “Cindy” Eggl, 67, of Fargo, ND, was held July 2 at 2 p.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Cando, ND. She died suddenly in the early morning hours of June 25, 2025.

Fr. Daniel Musgrave was celebrant. Visitation was one hour prior to Mass. Interment was in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Cando. The Boulger Funeral Home of Fargo and the Dunnigan-Dix Funeral Home of Cando were in charge of arrangements.

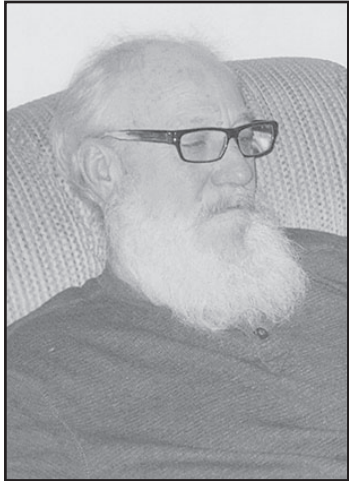
Cynthia Jan Eggl was born May 22, 1958 in Cando to Fred W. and Janet M. (Scharf) Eggl. She graduated from Cando High School in 1976. She continued her education at Furman University in Greenville, SC, Concordia College in Moorhead, Minn. and Interstate Business College, where she graduated with training as a legal secretary. She worked for the Greater ND Association, MeritCare Foundation, Dakota Medical Foundation and Impact Foundation. She was also a vocal coach for many students in the Fargo-Moorhead area.

In high school she won awards for her vocal work and was a cheerleader. She and her sisters performed in the Satin Sounds dance band. She fought to pass legislation regarding 3-D mammograms and wrote *Boundless Blessings and God’s Grace: My Journey Through Breast Cancer*. In 2007 she co-founded the Impact-Cando Connection Fund with her sister Jill and Rusty Papachek.

Survivors include three siblings, Scott (Kathy) Eggl of Cando and Victoria (Tom) Steele and Jill Eggl, both of Fargo; and a sister-in law, Carla Ann (Mark) Eggl of Greenville, SC.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers Fred B.

and Mark S. Eggl; and brother in-law Thomas D. Steele. Memorials are preferred to Impact-Cando Connection Fund (www.candconnection.org/howtodonateourfund.html).



Ogilby Scott IV

Ogilby “Oby” Scott IV, 69, of Devils Lake, ND, died June 23, 2025 at his home. A celebration of life will take place at a later date. The Gilbertson Funeral Home of Devils Lake is in charge of arrangements.

Ogilby Eaton Scott IV was born Aug. 16, 1955 in Savannah, Ga. to Patricia and Ogilby Scott III. He was reared and educated in Riverside, Calif. He entered the US Navy on Oct. 31, 1974 and served as an electrical/mechanical equipment repairman aboard the USS *Kitty Hawk*. He was discharged from active duty on Aug. 26, 1976 and continued with the Navy Reserves until Oct. 30, 1980. He was honorably discharged with the rank of fireman apprentice. He then returned to Riverside to live and work until moving to Arizona. He met his soulmate, Maureen Olson Kraft, and they moved to North Dakota in 1996. He worked for Don Konzak until the rising waters of Devils Lake consumed his land. He worked various other jobs and earned his GED and certification in computer science from Lake Region State College. Most recently he installed digital billboards for iDigital.

He enjoyed woodworking, hunting and fishing.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Scotty; a stepson, Nate Berg; four sisters; and a sister-in-law.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother.



Connie Ebach

The funeral for Connie Ebach, 63, of Devils Lake, ND, was held June 26 at the Odd Fellows Chapel in Devils Lake. She died June 23, 2025.

Pastor Jeff Kapelle officiated. Interment was in Stony Lake Cemetery, rural Minnewaukan, ND. The Gilbertson Funeral Home of Devils Lake was in charge of arrangements.

Connie Lynn Hanson was born Jan. 2, 1962 in Valley City, ND to Glenn and Charlene “Joyce” (Vang) Hanson. She spent her early years in the Minnewaukan and Warwick, ND communities. She attended Minnewaukan school and graduated from Warwick High School. She married Roger Ebach at First Baptist Church in Devils Lake. They lived in Beaumont, Texas. She brought her talent for painting into her professional life, working for Carter and Company and alongside family at Hanson Painting Service.


She was a woman of strong faith who loved Jesus. She enjoyed listening to Journey, Shania Twain, Dolly Parton and classic hymns. She also loved watching old Westerns and Lifetime and Hallmark movies. She enjoyed Mexican cuisine, Southern comfort foods and ice cream.

Survivors include five children, Brannon (Denise) Hanson, Billy Ebach, Kayla (Matt) Houle, Bella Davis and Bradden Davis; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; her mother; and eight siblings, Layle (Emy) Hanson, Shelly (Dennis) Weed, Charlene (Todd) Burrell, Brian (Maria) Hanson, Cheri (Jason) Hoffart, Jeremy (Wendy) Hanson, Joel (Gay) Hanson and John Hanson.

She was preceded in death by her father; both sets of grandparents; and her former husband, Roger Ebach.

OBITUARIES

Bruce Hagen

 Bruce Hagen, longtime ND Public Service Commissioner, dies at 94

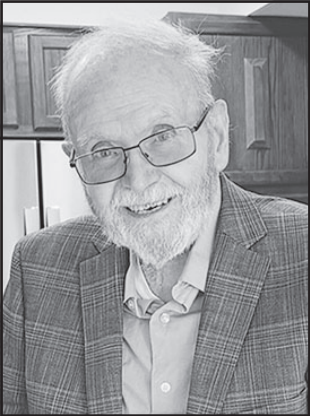
Bismarck, ND -- Bruce Hagen, a dedicated public servant and the longest-serving statewide elected official in North Dakota history, passed away on Thursday, June 19, 2025 in Bismarck. He was 94 years old, just two days shy of his 95th birthday. His passing was confirmed by his daughters, Marin Hagen and Jennifer Robinson.

A memorial service will be held at Parkway Funeral Home in Bismarck on Aug. 8, 2025 at 4 p.m., and another to follow at Norway Lutheran Church Cemetery west of Devils Lake, ND on Aug. 9, 2025 at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, Bruce would have appreciated donations being made to the recipient of your choice. He felt strongly about giving back.

Appointed by Governor William Guy in 1961 as deputy motor vehicle registrar, Bruce Hagen soon after began what would become a nearly four-decade tenure with the ND Public Service Commission (PSC), starting on Sept. 19, 1961. He was re-elected six times, serving until his retirement on Dec. 31, 2000. His time on the PSC spanned monumental changes in telecommunications, energy regulation and infrastructure development. He played a critical role in shaping fair utility regulations and advancing public interests during a time of rapid change. He is believed to be the longest-serving statewide elected official in North Dakota history and was the only Democrat ever elected to the PSC.

Sen. Kent Conrad commented, “Bruce deeply believed in democracy, and that making it work is everyone’s responsibility. And he understood to make it work, the public had to see and feel that elected officials were working in the public interest. He will always be remembered as a good and thoughtful man who dedicated his life to making all of our lives better.”

Hagen also sought higher office, running twice for US Congress in 1968 and 1978. His leadership extended nationally as chair



of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), where he earned the National Leadership Award for Excellence and served on several high-profile committees. He was also a founding member of the federal/state Alaska joint board of the FCC and the first North Dakota commissioner to serve on such a board.

In state roles, he chaired the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Commission, the State Intermodal Transportation Team, and held positions on numerous advisory boards, including the Lignite Research Council and the Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute. A passionate advocate for public policy, Hagen consistently brought vision, integrity and fairness to every office he held. Ken Ziegler, a longtime friend, said, “When you think of the term ‘public servant,’ Bruce Hagen comes to mind. While he held strong political beliefs, they were set aside when any company or cooperative appeared before the North Dakota Public Service Commission.” Rep. Earl Pomeroy added, “Bruce Hagen was the very personification of fairness.”

Born on June 21, 1930 on his grandparents’ farm in Grand Harbor Township near Devils Lake, Bruce was the son of Mildred and Ernest Hagen. He grew up across various North Dakota communities and graduated from Central High School in Devils Lake in 1948. He earned a bachelor’s degree in philosophy and a master’s in government and economics from the University of North Dakota, plus did an additional year of postgraduate studies at the University of Wisconsin.

Bruce served in the US Army during the Korean War (1950-52), training troops in Alabama. He was active in

student government at UND and remained a progressive voice throughout his life. His lifelong love of farming continued even after he entered public service, maintaining family farmland in Ramsey and Benson counties with the help of trusted farming partners.

In retirement, Bruce remained an active civic participant. Among other things, he served as president of the board of the Society for the Preservation of the Former Governor’s Mansion from 2000-2023. Sen. Heidi Heitkamp said, “Bruce never stopped serving his country even in retirement. He worked to educate and to build trust across the political aisle. He remains an example to all who aspired to serve the public.” He also volunteered with Ministry on the Margins and contributed to various social and service organizations including the Lions Club, Farmers Union, American Legion and Sons of Norway, the Ruth Meiers Hospitality House, Inc. and Charles Hall, among many others.

Bruce was known for his intellect, warmth, humility and generosity. A 2000 resolution by NARUC stated, “He represented all the best in public service and set an ethical and intellectual standard to which we should all aspire.” Sen. Byron Dorgan added, “Bruce Hagen, for decades, relentlessly continued his dedicated public service to our state. If ever there was a real definition of ‘public service,’ it would apply to Bruce. His life is the celebration of a man who made a difference.”

Bruce Hagen is survived by his daughters, Marin Hagen of Washington, DC and Jennifer Robinson of Nashville, Tenn.; grandsons Luke and Max Robinson; his brother, Dr. Boyd Hagen (Caroline) of Nelson County, ND; and many beloved nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and siblings Marilyn Pederson and Roger Hagen.

Bruce once said, “My roots are in the good soil of this place [the Devils Lake area].” He will be remembered for his deep love of North Dakota, his enduring commitment to public service, and the kindness and generosity he extended to all who knew him.

Stay safe when cleaning up storm-damaged trees

While tree-care companies and others are working to clean up trees and branches after recent storms, many homeowners are doing the same thing. Joe Zeleznik, NDSU Extension forester, encourages homeowners to stay safe while cleaning up storm-damaged trees.

When working with trees and branches, rule number one is to avoid downed power lines, says Zeleznik.

Live power lines can kill or injure a person through direct contact or indirectly, when downed trees and branches conduct electricity into a person working on them.

Avoid these situations until the power company declares that it is safe to do so. Let these professionals do their job first,

before you do yours.

Second, be aware of the ways that stems and branches can move once they are no longer attached to each other. Branches or small stems that are being held down by heavier stems can act like springs, releasing a lot of energy once they are free. Other branches may move up, down or sideways, depending on where they are in a pile. Those moving pieces can easily knock a person off-balance or even cause severe injury.

Wear the appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) when operating a chainsaw or other power tools, says Zeleznik. Wearing a hard hat, gloves, hearing protection and boots will go a long way toward protecting you from scrapes

and cuts.

Chainsaw safety chaps provide outstanding protection against the serious harm that can come from this dangerous piece of equipment.

“Know what’s beyond your capacity and hire a professional when necessary,” says Zeleznik. “There are many highly trained and experienced individuals throughout the state who have the equipment and know-how to remove damaged trees and debris safely. Split stems, rotted stems and large unattached branches that are high off the ground can be very dangerous to remove and should be taken care of by the professionals.”

Finally, when hiring a tree-care company, make sure to ask for proof of insurance before entering into a service contract, advises Zeleznik.

For more details about dealing with disasters and stress, visit NDSU’s disaster education website at ndsug.org/disasterinfo.

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