Ronald N. Moitzfeld, 89

Ronald N. Moitzfeld, age 89, of Detroit Lakes, Minn., died Sunday May 29, 2011, at the Emmanuel Nursing Home in Detroit Lakes.

Beloved husband of Mildred Moitzfeld, loving father of Eileen (Bob) Burgess and Ronald (Gwen) Moitzfeld; devoted grandfather of Theresa Othker; Pamela (Shawn) Rasmussen; Brian, Burgess, Scott Dever, Melanie Moore and Darren Moitzfeld; and dear great-grandfather of Rhinna Arreguin, Justin Staub, Katelyn Staub, Taylor Roberts and Haley Moore; great-great-grandfather of Jadyn Roberts; and brother-in-law to Beverly Moitzfeld and Helen Moitzfeld.

Ron was preceded in passing by his identical twin brother, Don, and his other siblings, Carl, Maxine, Frances, and Everett; and his parents.

Ron was born on Jan. 14, 1922, in Marengo, to Otto and Eva Nelson Moitzfeld and raised from infancy by his aunt, Stella Nelson. Ron and his twin were highly regarded baseball pitchers in high school, but WW II interrupted that interest, and in 1941, Ron enlisted in the Navy, where he served for six years. He married the love of his life, Mildred Eileen Speas, on April 24, 1943, in Minneapolis, Minn. They shared many happy years together. They were avid Minnesota Twins fans, and also loved to square and round dance.

Education was very important to Ron. He graduated from high school in Brooklyn, earned a bachelor of science in mathematics from Central College in Pella, and a master of science from Florida Atlantic University. He later taught math and science in community colleges. His other interests included woodworking and gardening.

His career included several years as a high school teacher in Iowa and Illinois. Ron retired from IBM as an education specialist, where he also was involved with the Apollo Space Program.

Ron's religious faith was a vital part of his life, demonstrated by his dedicated service as an elder and Sunday school teacher.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday June 1, at 10:30 a.m. at the Emmanuel Nursing Home in Detroit Lakes, Minn.

Interment was on Friday June 3, at 2 p.m. at the Jackson Township Cemetery in Montezuma.

Services were entrusted to the West-Kjos Funeral Home in Detroit Lakes, Minn. Those wanting to share memories and condolences may use the messages of sympathy section at www.westkjos.com.