



## Michael Frank Buscemi, M.D.

September 6, 1934 - October 22, 2009

Age 75, Bismarck, North Dakota passed away October 22, 2009. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday at Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Bismarck, with Rev. John Guthrie officiating. A gathering time will be held from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Friday at Parkway Funeral Service, 2330 Tyler Parkway, Bismarck. Michael Frank Buscemi was born September 6, 1934, in Belleville, NJ. He was graduated from Belleville High School in 1952, Georgetown University cum laude in 1957, George Washington University School of Medicine in 1962. He studied one year, 1957-1958, as a physiology major at the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York City. He interned at St. Vincent's Medical Center also in New York City. He did his surgical and urology residency at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN. He served as a lieutenant commander in the U.S. Navy stationed at the U.S. Naval Hospital at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina from 1966 to 1968. He married Ruth Eileen DeJongh in Rochester, MN, in October 1969, where their daughter Michele Marie was born. Dr. Buscemi was a member of the American Urological Association and the American College of Surgeons. He was board certified in urology in 1977. He practiced medicine at the Quain and Ramstad Clinic where he was elected to the Board of Directors from 1984 through 1986. He performed most of his surgical procedures at Medcenter One Hospital where he was elected Chief of Staff for the years 1988 to 1990. He made regular hospital visits consulting in urology for many central and western ND hospitals. While in practice, he lectured medical students and

residents as a Clinical Associate Professor of Surgery for UND School of Medicine. He served as editor in chief of a quarterly clinical journal entitled, "Reports of the Q & R Clinic." Through the years Michael and Ruth made many happy memories traveling to vacation sites, professional meetings, and visiting family and close friends. He loved his grandchildren who delighted in anticipation of what outrageous thing grandpa would say or do next. He enjoyed playing basketball, jogging, softball, tennis, and golf. He maintained an interest in military history and aircraft and US historical figures. He was dedicated to his family and his profession and served all with a gentle spirit. And while Dr. Michael Buscemi's accomplishments were many, he requested to simply have, "Mike loves Ruth" placed on his marker. He is survived by his daughter, Michele (Michael) Schwalbe, and grandchildren, Will and Allison Schwalbe all in Andover, MN. He is also survived by his brother, Mario (Hank Sadof) New York City, NY; and his sister, Angeline (Alexander) Taglione of Bloomfield, NJ. He was preceded in death by his parents, Salvatore and Nancy and his beloved wife, Ruth.