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**Abstract**

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~*Roger Maris Museum, West Acres Shopping Mall,  
Fargo, North Dakota*

Across from Nails Pro and Forever 21, behind a corner of glass, Roger Maris swings without ceasing and rounds bases on an endless tape loop of home runs—57, 58, 59, 60—leading to number 61 in the year 1961, the homer that broke Babe Ruth's 1927 record. His trophies, autographed baseballs, and signed bats rest under a portrait of his golden beauty, near the display of authentic jerseys, his Sultan of Swat crowns, and replicas of a Yankees locker and stadium seat. Maris died of lymphatic cancer at age 51 in a Houston hospital. "I still see him in my dreams," Mickey Mantle said. The Baseball Hall of Fame holds the ball he hit off Tracy Stallard in the '61 Series, his No. 61 bat, and his No. 9 Yankees jersey, but his body was brought home to Fargo and buried on the north side at the Holy Cross Cemetery on 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue.