



## Allen Fultz

January 10, 1937 - February 13, 2006

Allen Howard Fultz was born on the family farm in Leaf River Township on January 10, 1937 to his parents Howard & Ethel (Erickson) Fultz. Al passed away early on Monday, February 13th at the Tri-County Hospital in Wadena. Al served many churches in the area as their pastor. He also worked for a number of years at Wadena-Deer Creek schools. Recently he has served as board chairman at SonRise Christian School in rural Bluffton. He was also very active in the community. He was a member of the Wadena Ministerial Assoc., England Prairie Pioneer Club, Silver Spur Saddle Club and the Minnesota Assoc. of School Maintenance Supervisors. Al and Helen will always be remembered for their music with the Grand Ol Gospel. Al has spent most of his life in the Wadena area. He loved to fish, hunt, farm, telling good stories and jokes, pickin' and grinnin', and making music for the Lord. Al was united in marriage to Helen Mae Goedel on October 26, 1957 in the Christian & Missionary Alliance Church in Wadena. Al was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his loving wife Helen; sons Tim (Sandy) of Sebeka and Travis (Melissa) of Ft. Polk, LA; daughters Kayleen (Jim) Meyer of Hillsboro, OR, Mandy (Mike) Sharp of Hillsboro, OR, Connie Fultz of Wadena and Monica Jane Heyer of Brainerd; 14 grandchildren; sisters Lois Benson of Anoka, Wanda Fultz of Wadena and Debbie Auguston of Maple Grove. Funeral services will be held on Wed. February 15th at 2:00 PM in the Christian & Missionary Alliance Church in Verndale with Rev. Daryl Jacobson and Rev. Russell Benson officiating. Honorary pallbearers will be all of the

grandchildren and all of the children at SonRise Christian School. Active pallbearers will be Daniel Fultz, Don Schwartz, Lee Kicker, Dick Johnson, Rev. Stephen Papillon, Will Line, James Deppa and Russ Andrews. Burial will take place in the Leaf River Cemetery of rural Wadena following the services. Memorials are preferred in leau of flowers to SonRise Christian School. >

# Tribute Wall

EB

“ I DIDN'T KNOW AL FOR VERY LONG OR VERY WELL, BUT HE MADE ME FEEL AS IF I'D KNOWN HIM ALL MY LIFE. HE OPENED HIS HEART AND HOME TO ME AND MY FAMILY. I'LL ALWAYS REMEBER HIS GIFT OF SONG AND HIS BIG SMILE! I FEEL BLESSED FOR HAVING KNOWN HIM.

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**EVANNE BENSON** - February 13, 2006 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ When I was a little girl Allen was our minister at Green Valley church. At the time he probably was only about 10 years older than me, but he was very grown up to me. The things I remember the best about him were his kindness, his smile, and his music. I was visiting Wadena last September and got a chance to see Allen and Helen. And he still had a wonderful smile and a kind heart.

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**Mary Ann Erckenbrack** - February 13, 2006 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ How heaven rejoices to receive Allen in God's presence. I bet he is singing with the angels right now. What a wonderful christian man and Helen a wonderful Christian lady. The finest of Godly character, he lived his life being a good role model for all of us. A man who was always there for us when we needed him. Our hearts go out to Helen and all the family. Our prayers are with you all. To Allen we say, no more pain, no more sorrow, we'll be along later, maybe tomorrow. See you in Heaven.

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**Bill & Betty Shiflett** - February 13, 2006 at 12:00 AM

WS

“ Al was very faithful employee at Wadena-Deer Creek School. A day never went by that Al didn't cheer us up with a silly joke from his unending supply. And, oh how happy he was when there were goodies in the office to eat. His sweet tooth always worked overtime. We learned so much from his patience, his great sense of humor and his always evident faith in God.

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**WDC District Office Staff** - February 13, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Dear Helen and family~  
Our prayers and thoughts are extended to you all. Our community has lost a wonderful servant of God. We first met Al when he was preaching at Zion Lutheran. We immediately knew he was truly a man of integrity and lived what he preached. He will forever be remembered as a Godly example to all who knew him. Heaven rejoiced as they greeted Al and Al has seen the face of Jesus and there is no more suffering. May that bring comfort to your family.  
With Love and Prayers of Comfort  
Jim & Cory XOXO

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**Jim and Cory Holweg** - February 13, 2006 at 12:00 AM

HH

“ I knew Allen and his parents and of course his sister Wanda. Allen and my brother were friends in the Saddle Club back in the late forties and early fifties. A friend and I hired Mr Fultz for a sleigh ride party. I'm sure Allen was a helper. .It was on this sleigh ride that I met my future husband. The Fultz family has a special place in my heart. God Bless. My husband and I were married 49 years and we never went on another sleigh ride.

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**HARLYN AND JANETTE HANSON** - February 13, 2006 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ To: Al's family,  
So sorry to read of Al's passing. My sincere symthapoy to Al's family. I enjoyed working with Al in my role as Extenson Educator for Wadena County. Al made arrangements for us to use the school vans and bus many times for our many 4-H activites.  
Sincerely,  
Tom Hovde

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**Thomas Hovde** - February 13, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ We are so sad to hear of your loss. Praying for you. We know Al is singing in heaven with the angels. May God be with you during this time. With lots of love.

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**Dave and Denise Bubeck** - February 13, 2006 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ I'm very sorry we couldn't make it to Minnesota this past week, but Evanne, the kids, and I were blessed to see you this past Christmas. Our thoughts, prayers, and love are with you during this sad... yet joyous time. Al's love towards everyone... but most of all... for the God of all creation will always be remembered with a story and a smile.

*We love you and will miss you.*

*Rick*

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**Rick Benson** - February 13, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Our girls sure had a great time with Al at the Erickson reunion this summer. He was dunking them and their cousins in the ice bucket. The laughter was contagious and memorable.

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**Mark & Jackie Mattfeld** - February 13, 2006 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Sorry for your loss...I enjoyed viewing the tribute. Wonderful pictures! I have great memories of Al singing at various family gatherings throughout my childhood. Thinking of you during this difficult time.  
Love,  
Sandy

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**Sandy and Mike McVay** - February 13, 2006 at 12:00 AM

GK

“ <http://us.video.aol.com/video.index.adp?mode=2&pls=music.newvid eos.&startid=1463056&start=1&guideContext=>

*To Helen and Family - I want to share this music-video..... as I thought of Alan when I saw and heard it for the first time. Our hearts are heavy and sad but we know he is in his Fathers home.*

*And All of you in e-mail land, click on the above and go to the site - play the video listen to the song. Its by John Corbett - The Song is "Good To Go".*

*George & Karen (Lien) Kaczor*

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**George and Karen (Lien) Kaczor** - February 13, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ We celebrate the life of a man who blessed the world with his music, his caring heart, and his wonderful family. God's Peace to you all. Love, from Ermine & Susan, Elysia & Ermine Todd Hillsboro

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**michael sharp** - February 13, 2006 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Hi Helen,  
I was so sorry to hear of your loss even as I am sure that his passing brings relief from any pain he suffered. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers as you make your way on this new portion of the journey.

You are a person of faith and I know you will be lifted by the strength gleaned there. I am not worried for you in this. As well your family will be close at hand along with your many friends.

The picture of Al included in the obituary is the way I will always remember him, his spirit of love and Christian conviction that he wore much like a freshly pressed suit or his more casual look. He was an extraordinary individual that touched many lives and influences us still. I have always found him to be genuine and open to everyone he encountered, including me. I'm thankful our lives crossed paths, thankful to God.

You and your family are in my prayers,  
with heartfelt thoughts,  
With Christ's love,  
Cheryl

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**Cheryl Williams** - February 13, 2006 at 12:00 AM