



Andrew Schmith

June 9, 1922 - April 7, 2009

Andrew John Schmith of Aldrich, was born on June 9, 1922 to Nicholas and Emma (Geber) Schmith in Wadena, MN. He passed away, unexpectedly, on April 7, 2009 at the family farm in Verndale at the age of 86 years. Andy served as a sergeant in the United States Army from November 1942 to December 1945. He was united in marriage with Elsie McDowell on June 2, 1948, and their marriage lasted until her death in October 1978. He later married Ardy Nelson on June 5, 1987. Other than his time in the service, and 3 years in South Dakota, Andy lived his entire life in the Wadena, Verndale and Aldrich communities. Andy will be remembered as a manager for 35 years at the West Central Telephone Association. He belonged to the Aldrich Lions Club and the Verndale American Legion. In his spare time he enjoyed farming, gardening, hunting, fishing, and traveling. Andy was preceded in death by his first wife, Elsie; parents, Nicholas and Emma; and sisters Marcy Lubke and MaryAnn Nelson. He is survived by his wife Ardy of Aldrich; sons, Tom of Verndale, David of Las Vegas, NV, Dick of Brooklyn Park, and Dale of Verndale; daughters, Kathy (Will) Dague of Anoka, and Karen (Mark) Maronde of Falcon Heights; 6 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren; brothers, Bud (Marion) Schmith of Wadena, and Mannie (Pat) Schmith of Brainerd; sisters, Beaty Larson of Wadena, and Betty (Clyde) Bigelow of Sioux Falls, SD; Ardy's daughters, LuJean (Steve) Larson of Minneapolis, and Jackie (Chuck) Anderson of Monticello; 7 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 11:00 AM on Monday, April 13, 2009 at

St. Frederick's Catholic Church in Verndale with Father Michael Kellogg as celebrant. Pallbearers were Andy's grandchildren, Teresa Dague, Amy Dague, Rachel Moehn, Luke Schmith, Eric Maronde, and Sara Maronde. Honorary pallbearers were Ardy's grandchildren and Andy & Ardy's great-grandchildren. Interment was in St. Frederick's Catholic Cemetery in Verndale.

Tribute Wall

JS

“ *Kathy, Tom, David, Dick Dale & Karen:*

I just wanted to let you know that my heart and my thoughts are with all of you.

I hope that your memories bring you peace and make you smile.

Love to all,

Judy

Judy Nelson Spahn - April 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM

EM

“ *Heavenly Father,*

We come together this day to celebrate the resurrection of our savior Jesus Christ from the dead. But today, our joy is shadowed by the absence of one we love, our Grandpa Andy. And as we mourn, we give thanks, Lord, for having shared in his life. We remember his generosity, his humor, his ever-growing garden, his laugh, his tractor rides and his love. And as we remember these things let us never forget the gift of Easter: new and everlasting life. So as we miss him here we take comfort in the knowledge that he is still with us, at peace in the house of the Lord. As we grieve during this time we know that he is watching over us, probably joking with the Saints and planning his gigantic garden in the clouds. So on this Easter day, we give thanks for Grandpa Andy, we ask that you keep us all safe and ease our troubled hearts and we remember the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Amen

Eric Maronde - April 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Hey Rachel- I am very sorry to hear about your grandpa...my thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family!

shelly hudalla - April 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM

EM

“ *Easter Prayer at Schmith Farm:*

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Eric Maronde - April 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ *Hugs to the family and, Kathy my classmate. You are all in my heart.
Love Shirley*

Shirley Callahan Winegar - April 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ My memories of Andy are few but they are lasting. I will always remember him when I see the values that he has instilled in his children. "CornFest" will not be the same without Andy. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. May you all feel the love of our Lord during these difficult days.

Joyce Goodrich - April 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ To Kathy, Ardy, and the rest of the family. So sorry to hear about Andy. I know how hard it is when you lose someone you love. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Pat (wing) Wendorf - April 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Kathy and family, my thoughts and prayers are with you. So very sorry for your loss. Verndale will not be the same without Andy! Hold on to those memories -- they will see you through.

Sandee (Seaton) Byrd - April 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ To Andy's Family,

Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this sad and difficult time. We know how hard it is to say goodbye but we hope that your happy memories of times spent with him help you through the days ahead. We loved Andy. He always had a smile and a story to share, and witty sense of humor. He will be missed by many.

Jim and Janell Carr - April 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM