

Archie Coson

October 24, 1929 - January 4, 2021

The private funeral service for Archie Coson of Wadena will be held at the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Wadena with Pastors Jim Stoneman and Dave Seaton presiding. Due to covid-19 the family has chosen to not have a visitation to keep their family and friends safe.

After a lingering illness, Archie, age 91, passed away with family at his side on Monday, January 4, 2021 at Tri-County Health Care in Wadena, MN.

Archibald "Archie" Edward Coson was born to Walter and Margaret (Jost) Coson on October 24, 1929, in Wadena, MN, where he attended and graduated from Wadena High School.

In 1950, Archie enlisted in the US Navy during the Korean War and served on the USS Wisconsin, over the Pacific Ocean. He was the librarian and organist for church services on the ship and was honorably discharged in 1952. Before and after his service, Archie worked at Fred's Foods on main street in Wadena. When Fred passed away in 1966, Archie took over the business until 1973 when he started working at Red Owl Foods. Archie was united in marriage with Helen (Smith) Borchardt on July 8, 1978. They made their home in rural Wadena and in 1985, he started his 30 year employment at Super Valu. Archie was named 1998 Outstanding Older Worker, and was a nominee for the 2002 MN Older Worker Hall of Fame. He worked at SeaFest in Motley,

and then returned to Wadena to work at Larry's Foods until his retirement.

Through the years, Archie found great joy in playing organ for the First Congregational United Church of Christ, and 30 years at St. Helen's Episcopal Church in Wadena, as well as subbing at churches in Bertha, Aldrich and Perham. Other hobbies he enjoyed were fishing, bowling, playing cards, singing in the church choir, playing the accordion and vegetable gardening - with his accomplishments in the Pioneer Journal! He will also be remembered locally as a lively auctioneer. Archie was a member of the Masonic Lodge, Eastern Star, American Legion, Elks Lodge and a lifetime member of the VFW.

In earlier years, Archie and Helen enjoyed trips to San Francisco, CA, Branson, MO, Michigan, Colorado and many more states within the US.

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Preceding Archie in death were his parents; brother Raymond, step-brother Arthur Gedde; daughter-in-law Patty Coson; and great-grandchildren Libby Belvill, Garrett Lane and Keagan Johnson.

Archie is survived by his wife Helen of Wadena; children, Gary Coson of Detroit Lakes, Dawn (Mike) Pettit of Dent, Debbie (Leroy) Larson of Pelican Rapids; brother Wally Coson of Wadena; step-brother Clayton Gedde of Vancouver, WA; Helen's children Barb (Bob) Wenzler of Florida, Roxanne (Fred) Soukup of Pequot Lakes, Michael (Brenda) Borchardt of Big Lake, Pam (Jim) Malone of Milaca, and Tim Borchardt of Minneapolis; 25 grandchildren, 41 great-grandchildren, and 14 great-great-grandchildren; along with numerous nephews and nieces.

Military honors will be provided by the Elmer Goche Post 3922, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Wadena, MN.

Burial will be in Wadena Cemetery in Wadena, MN.

Cemetery Details

Wadena Cemetery

Franklin Drive & 5th St. SW
Wadena, MN 56482

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall



“ *Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Archie Coson*



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - January 08, 2021 at 02:38 PM

BP

“ *Barry & Sandi Pratt lit a candle in memory of Archie Coson*



Barry & Sandi Pratt - January 14, 2021 at 11:59 PM



“ My dear Helen: Jerry and I have been thinking of you often during this covid shutdown. I just happened to look at the obituaries on facebook and saw that sweet Archie had passed away. I was a little girl from Deer Creek, and my parents always shopped at Fred's Foods in Wadena. Archie was always so good to me. Taking the time to always talk to my parents and me. We all remember when he took over the store as we were hoping he would do so. Helen, I am so sorry! We had a lot of good times at the senior center visiting with Archie and you. My heart goes out to you at this time. I am so sad.! Actually I think it was this summer, that Archie was in the Boondocks getting meals to bring home to you. God Bless you Helen. I am so sorry! You folks have been great friends to me over the years. Love, Maryann (Edholm) and Jerry Riewer, 707 Wisconsin Ave.,S.E.,Staples,MN.56479

Maryann Riewer - January 13, 2021 at 09:49 PM



“ Archie was such a nice friendly man. May he rest in peace!



Dave & Sharon Folkestad - January 10, 2021 at 08:51 PM

CB

“ Conrad And Shirley Van Batavia lit a candle in memory of Archie Coson



Conrad and Shirley Van Batavia - January 09, 2021 at 06:41 PM

Vicki
Leaderbra

“ When I first moved to the Wadena area from Los Angeles, Archie was one of the first persons to make me feel comfortable and welcomed in a small, rural community. Thank you Archie! I will never forget your welcoming and customer-focused service!



Vicki Leaderbrand - January 09, 2021 at 05:51 AM



“ Will miss seeing him around town. Have been acquainted with him for years. Always so friendly. Gladys and Charles Chase



Gladys Chase - January 08, 2021 at 09:37 PM

TD

“ Tim Dertinger lit a candle in memory of Archie Coson



Tim Dertinger - January 08, 2021 at 09:34 PM

SM

“ With deepest sympathy as you remember Archie. I always enjoyed seeing and visiting with Archie when I saw him at church.

Sue (Halliwill) McDonald - January 08, 2021 at 07:11 PM

JA

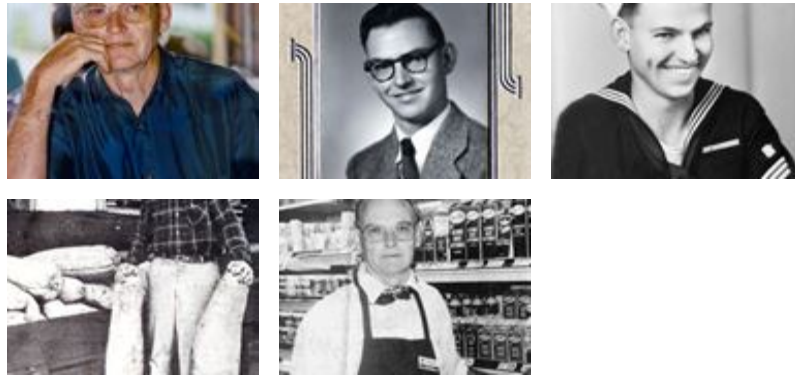
“ So sad to hear of such a loss. He always would stop and talk to me. Such a super nice guy. He is in Heaven now, and we will see him again. I am sure God needed groceries taken care of for the angels. You are all in my prayers. May God grant you peace and comfort until our time here is over. Deepest sympathy's. Jackie



Jackie - January 08, 2021 at 02:43 PM



“ 38 files added to the album Life Tributes



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - January 08, 2021 at 02:37 PM

JS

“ *Joleen Soukup purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Archie Coson.*



Joleen Soukup - January 07, 2021 at 09:05 PM

BS

“ *Billy Sartell lit a candle in memory of Archie Coson*



Billy Sartell - January 06, 2021 at 08:48 PM

BS

“ *Billy Sartell lit a candle in memory of Archie Coson*



Billy Sartell - January 06, 2021 at 08:45 PM

LB

“ *I am so sad to hear of Archies passing. We always had a good visit when I cut his hair. Some pretty deep conversation, always good advice on both sides. May you fly with the eagles Archie and rest in peace. God Bless you !!!!*



lorie baron - January 06, 2021 at 07:08 PM

MM

“ I remember Archie in all of these grocery stores. He was always so friendly.
May he rest in Peace.

Marjorie Marie Mohs-Harrison - January 06, 2021 at 06:38 PM

MH

“ Marjorie And Harry Harrison lit a candle in memory of Archie Coson



Marjorie and Harry Harrison - January 06, 2021 at 06:36 PM

BM

“ Helen -you and Archie were wonderful neighbors! Our hearts go out to you and the family! May you have strength and peace for the days ahead!



Becky and Vern Matthiesen - January 06, 2021 at 04:30 PM

KT

“ Karen Treangen lit a candle in memory of Archie Coson



Karen Treangen - January 06, 2021 at 12:48 PM

GS

“ I remember Archie growing up at church and singing in the choir with him. He was a gentle man and a good example for a youngster.

gary sliter - January 06, 2021 at 11:00 AM

RJ

“ My sympathy to Helen and Wally. The Coson brothers were always so friendly and never failed to smile and greet a friend. Archie and Helen were such a happy couple and their respect for each other was a real inspiration to others. He will be missed by everyone who knew him.

Rose Johnson - January 06, 2021 at 10:41 AM

BC

“ I met Archie at Seafest and was an acquaintance ever since. We were not best friends but he always knew my name and good times. We will miss him around town.

Bill Connolly - January 06, 2021 at 09:43 AM

M#

“ Members Of Wadena Elks Lodge #2386 lit a candle in memory of Archie Coson



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JS

“ *Jim & Tracey Stoneman lit a candle in memory of Archie Coson*



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KM

“ *Karen Munson lit a candle in memory of Archie Coson*



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LB

“ *Linda Brown-Gasparrini lit a candle in memory of Archie Coson*



Linda Brown-Gasparrini - January 06, 2021 at 09:23 AM

MS

“ *Mike And Lea Snyder lit a candle in memory of Archie Coson*



Mike and Lea Snyder - January 06, 2021 at 08:45 AM

RB

“ Archie was such a great guy to work with. Our thoughts and prayers to the family



Ray and Dorothy Beyer - January 06, 2021 at 08:27 AM

DO

“ Doug And Joan Ostlund lit a candle in memory of Archie Coson



Doug and Joan Ostlund - January 05, 2021 at 10:06 PM

SN

“ I have a lot of memories of Archie growing up. There is the auction sales we would go to. There is the time we spent together in the summer time. We would go to their house for two weeks and Dawn and Debbie would come to ours. I remember going to the store daily and even remember bits and pieces what it looked like. He put in many hours at the store. A very hard worker right until a few years ago. Then there were the many hours he spent playing organ in church. He was a great man and will be missed. My thoughts are with all of you in this time.

Sandy Nelson

sandy nelson - January 05, 2021 at 09:03 PM

Jl

“ Archie will be missed. Jerry spent hours working with him and had a lot of fun. Our prayers and thoughts are with Helen and the family.



Jerry and Irene - January 05, 2021 at 08:01 PM

MP

“ Morris And Karen Priebe lit a candle in memory of Archie Coson



Morris and Karen Priebe - January 05, 2021 at 07:43 PM

JP

“ Jerry And Kathy Peterson lit a candle in memory of Archie Coson



Jerry and Kathy Peterson - January 05, 2021 at 06:57 PM

AB

“ Alan Bielema lit a candle in memory of Archie Coson



Alan Bielema - January 05, 2021 at 06:35 PM

LG

“ Lyle And Cindy Goeden lit a candle in memory of Archie Coson



Lyle and Cindy Goeden - January 05, 2021 at 05:30 PM

LW

“ Helen., Len and I send you a loving hello and so much sympathy from our hearts in the passing of Archie. You both have meant so much to the two of us.. Many fun and wonderful bus trips to the casino and all the little chit chats at the grocery stores and Chinese Restaurant come to mind. Thanks to all the family members who have shared you two with us down thru the years. With heartfelt sympathy and always the kindest of thoughts Helen. We truly wish Peace for you at this time. Len and Sally Siegler of Wadena.



Len and Sally Siegler of Wadena - January 05, 2021 at 05:08 PM

KB

“ Kelly Bain lit a candle in memory of Archie Coson



Kelly Bain - January 05, 2021 at 02:53 PM



“ *Jon & Patty Johnson lit a candle in memory of Archie Coson*



Jon & Patty Johnson - January 05, 2021 at 02:45 PM