



Arnold Dovenmuehle

May 9, 1925 - May 1, 2009

Arnold "Arnie" W. Dovenmuehle was born May 9, 1925 to Ben and Lena (Rohr) Dovenmuehle in Taylors Falls, MN. He passed away on May 1, 2009 at Fair Oaks Lodge in Wadena, at the age of 83 years. Arnie enlisted in the United States Army in July 1944, serving as a Corporal with the 84th Division Railsplitters, 334th Division, C - Company. He was stationed in Europe during WW II and was involved in the Battle of the Bulge. He was wounded in action twice, receiving 2 purple hearts. He remained in Europe approximately 6 months with the army of occupation and assisted with the aid effort under the Marshall Plan. He was honorably discharged in May 1946 at Fort Sheridan, Ill. Arnie was united in marriage with Elvera Schmidt on July 18, 1948 in Wadena. They raised 9 children. Other than his military service, Arnie spent his entire life in Wadena. His livelihood was as a mechanic at Uselman's and working in the parts department at Juers Repair. Arnie was a member of the Wadena VFW and Lake Itasca Pioneer Farmers, Inc. He enjoyed woodworking and fishing, and was interested in antique tractors. Arnie was preceded in death by his parents Ben and Lena; and brother Bernard. He is survived by his sons, Tom (Wendylee) of MN, Steve (Diane) of CA, Bruce of MN, Darrell and Don, both of CA, Jeff (Vicki) of WI, and Jerry (Karen) of MN; daughters, Kathy (Henning) Egner of KY, and Linda (Ken) Stoddard of Ca; 14 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren; brothers, Carl (Jan) Dovenmuehler, and Earl (Eleanor) Dovenmuehler, both of MN; and sister Lucille Rach of Wadena. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 AM on Friday, May 8, 2009 at St. John Lutheran

Church in Wadena with Reverend William Stockman officiating. Honorary pallbearers will be Warren Boylan, Walter Goedel, Carl "Sonny" Dovenmuehler, Earl Dovenmuehler, Lucille Rach, and Neal Juers. Pallbearers will be Joseph Dovenmuehle, Amy Dovenmuehle, Adam Dovenmuehle, Karen Dovenmuehle, Jerrold Dovenmuehle, and Jeff Dovenmuehle. Military Honors will be given by the Elmer Goche Post 3922, Veterans of Foreign Wars in Wadena. Interment will be in Fort Snelling Cemetery in Minneapolis.

Tribute Wall

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“ I was deeply saddened to hear of Arnie's passing last Friday. Arnie has always been a day brightener for all of us. I visited with him in the hospital last week, and he was much the same ole jovial person he always was, despite the health challenges he faced lately. During his time receiving Home Care Services, his devotion to creating "surprises" for us was truly amazing: I know my home is not the only one decorated with various wooden cars, carriages, horses, quarter holders, and the like. He always had a joke, or a prank to get us smiling. Arnie, you are a caring, gracious man, and you will truly be missed! Sincerely, Amy

AMY WIDMARK - May 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ I had many occasions to visit with Arnie, as I went to School with Rhonda and Geri Rach. He was a very funny man. I'm sure he will be greatly missed

Vickie Andrie - May 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ I was so sorry to hear of Arnie's passing. It was always a better day when you got to work with Arnie. I do not ever remember being around him that he did not have a smile on his face, or that he did not have his pipe close at hand.
I am proud to say he was my friend. I know he is in a better place now.

Mark

Mark Uselman - May 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM