



Art Vierkant

September 22, 1923 - June 6, 2008

Arthur Leon Vierkant was born to his parents Erich & Grace (Eberhardt) Vierkant on September 22, 1923 in Sauk Rapids. He passed away early on Friday, June 6th at the Tri-County Hospital in Wadena. Art was inducted into the US Army on Nov. 29, 1948 and was discharged on Nov. 3, 1951. He was united in marriage to Myrtle Catherine Krebs on June 16, 1952 in Albany. Art worked until his retirement for the railroad in the Signal Maintenance department. He worked for the Northern Pacific and later the Burlington Northern railroad companies. Art was also very active in his community. He was a life member of the VFW and served as Post Commander. He served for many years on the Military Honor Squad. Art was a member of the Elks, Brotherhood of Railroad Signalmen, Wadena Horseshoe League and the Minn. Deer Hunters Assoc. He enjoyed playing horseshoe, bowling, hunting, fishing, playing cards, gardening and bee keeping. Art was preceded in death by his parents and an infant son, Bruce Michael. He is survived by his wife Myrtle; sons Mark (Cindy) of Detroit Lakes, Dean of Moorhead, Dale (Vicki) of Sioux Falls, SD; daughter Judy (Ben) Ament of St. Cloud; grandchildren Mary Jo, Jennifer, Dana, Loren, Heather, Tom, Sara, Drake, Matt & Eric; sister Lois (Butch) Udermann of Fort Dodge, IA; brothers Ronald of Sauk Rapids, Erwin (Ruth) of Dubuque, IA & Harold (Carol) of New Brighton. The Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Monday, June 9th at 11:00 AM in the St. Ann's Catholic Church in Wadena with Fr. Donald Wagner as celebrant. His grandchildren will serve as pallbearers. Full military honors will be provided by

the Elmer Goche Post 3922 Veterans of Foreign Wars of Wadena. Burial will take place in the Calvary Cemetery in Wadena.

Tribute Wall

DI

“ Who can forget when the cousins first started getting married, that our Uncle Art would offer each of \$20 (in the back of the church) if we did not get married. There are many happy memories of our big extended family with all the uncles, and aunts and cousins and he helped make them for us.

Diane - June 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM

EM

“ So Saddened to hear of Uncle Art. What a fabulous guy who taught me so much at our family gatherings-fishing, fun, cards! It was always so neat to spend time with my great uncles at the lake. I remember most of Art always laughing and smiling and bringing the smile to my face.

Erin McClurg-Webster - June 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Art was a wonderful friend. Although we didn't see him much in the later years, he always joked around. Our deepest sympathy to Myrtle and his family. He is at peace now and won't have to suffer anymore. God give you strength during this difficult time.

Jack & Judy Loeffen - June 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KJ

“ Sorry to hear of Art's passing. We always looked forward to seeing Art and Mert at the Annual Signalmen's party in the spring.

Art and I both were signal maintainers on the BNRR.

Hope Mert is well and once again our sympathies.

Ken and Coreen Johnson

Kenneth M Johnson - June 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ Sorry to hear of Arts Passing. You have my sympathy Myrtle and family. May God Bless. Take Care and May God Be With You Jean

Jean .B. Johnson - June 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. But undoubtedly there will be no more pain or tears for Art and there is joy in that. He was a good man and the family he leaves behind as his legacy proves his character and his love, which were even apparent to me during the years of my boyhood spent with Art and his family.

Mike Johnson - June 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RN

“ Our deepest sympathy to Judy and Ben and all the Vierkant family.

Roger Nelson - June 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ My family and I send our condolences and prayers.

LaVon Kedrowski - June 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Dear friends,

My thoughts wander back to Frank Root's side yard - a sand lot ball diamond - our very own "field of dreams". The world was full of possibility and we were home-run kings and all-stars. No cares, no worries save for coming up with a couple of bucks every few months to buy a new baseball. We'd play with them till the cover came off and then we'd tape 'em up and keep on going for another month or so. Broken bats got taped up too and we'd play with 'em until somebody got a new one for a birthday or saved up enough from the paper route or odd jobs to go get a new one. What great memories they are, what a great childhood to share.

In this difficult time, cling to the memories you shared and still share with your husband, your dad, your grandpa. Think about his sense of humor, his laughter, his love and dedication to each of you. Remember his pride in all of your successes and his patience in all of your challenges. In so doing you will keep his memory alive and real and he will always be with you. That's how I've carried my Dad with me these last 24 years; he remains a touching post for me, a reality check and it has made me a better person.

Both Debbie and I want to express our deepest sympathy to all of you in your loss. We will hold all of you close in our thoughts and our prayers.

With Love,

Bill (Mark) & Debbie Marquardt

Bill & Debbie Marquardt - June 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ *What a classy guy. Art who is the father of one of my all time best friends-Dale, always welcomed Ella, myself, our 2 daughters Amanda and Brianna to Buchanan lake when our girls were all young. We fondly remember Dale's children's birthday partys at the lake or some other family event. Art and Myrtle's hospitality always made us feel so welcome. Time and Distance seperated us from the Vierkants, but when we got together, such as recently for Dale and Vicki's 25th wedding anniversary it was like we never missed a beat. Lots of jokes and barrels of laughter. Once again we will get together, not in such a festive manner but in an event to celebrate the life of a great man. Our hearts and prayers go forward to all of you in this time of grief.*

Steve and Ella Bulat - June 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RV

“ *We are all praying for all the family, wish we could be with all of you. I remember all the great times that we had with Art. A toast to my uncle he was one that always brought a laugh to all.*

Randy Vierkant - June 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ This is for all my cousins and friends of Art's. I want to share with you a verse from the Carmelite Monestary, Tullow, Ireland. "Death is nothing at all--I have only slipped away into the next room. Whatever we were to each other, that we are still. Call me by my old familiar name, speak to me in the easy way which you always used. Laugh as we always laughed together. Play, smile, think of me, pray for me. Let my name be the household word that it always was. Let it be spoken without effort. Life means all that it has ever meant. It is the same as it ever was; there is absolutely unbroken continuity. Why should I be out of your mind because I am out of your sight? I am but waiting for you, for an interval, somewhere very near just around the corner. All is well. Nothing is past; nothing is lost. One brief moment and all will be as it was before - only better, infinitely happier and forever - we will be together with Christ." My heart felt sympathy to Art's wife and children

JoAnn Kreger Gantt - June 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ We both knew Art from Wadena Horseshoe League, having both pitched with him, Ken moreso than Gloria. We always had a good time especially going to horseshoe tournaments, and to the World Horseshoe Tournament in Spearfish, SD. Art always had a wonderful laugh and enjoyed everything he was doing. Our deepest sympathy to Myrtle and family in your loss of Art. He is much at peace now and in a far better place.

Ken and Gloria Anderson - June 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM

GE

“ My thoughts and prayers are with all of the Vierkant family.

George - June 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *vierkant family bernice and myself send you our sympathy and prayers.*

David Studer - June 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *My heart goes out to the whole Vierkant family. I wish I could be there to share in the celebration of Art's life and share in remembrances. He was just one of the best "Dads" of all of my girlfriends. I'm so happy he had a long and successful life and died peacefully surrounded by his family.*

Love, Janet

Janet Freer - June 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ *Myrtle, Judy, Ben, Eric, Loren and the entire family. We are so sorry for your loss. We hope that knowing that Art is resting peacefully brings you peace. You are in our thoughts and our prayers. Love, Becky and Don Legun*

Becky & Don Legun - June 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ *My heart goes out to Judy and her family. I have been blessed to know the Vierkant family and my prayers are with with you during this difficult time.*

Joan Peltoniemi Tait - June 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PA

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.*

Patty Aurecchione - June 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ I want to express my sympathy on the passing of Art. David is unable to attend due to the fact that I am recovering from knee surgery.

David Eberhardt - June 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ Dear Vierkant family,
We are sorry to learn of Art's death. We know he was suffering quite awhile and would not wish for him to have to continue living in pain.
Kristine, Patrick and Bill are spending a good deal of time with their dad who has been diagnosed with an aggressive form of lung cancer so we know how difficult this is for everyone involved.
Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. I will write to you soon,
Myrtle.
With love,
Mary Ellen

Mary Ellen Kollodge - June 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ Dear Vierkant Family,

I was very sorry to hear of Art's passing. I wanted to let you know that you have my greatest sympathy.
Art was more than just a wonderful person; he was always so kind and considerate to me and I always welcomed seeing him.
I will pray for him and for the family and friends who will grieve for him.
With my deepest sympathy,
Kim Larson

Kim Larson - June 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ Uncle Art was a joker. During our family camping years he was the lead pancake maker none could make a better pancake than him. I loved him for cooking when it wasn't cool for men to cook. Thanks for the memories and all the laughs. Gwen

Gwen McCarthy - June 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM

YL

“ Dear Myrtle and family,
Sorry to hear of your loss of such a wonderful man.
Stay strong,
Hugs from Yvonne
(a.k.a.)Punky

Yvonne Lundeen - June 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PG

“ Met Art briefly in Judy's office.
Art can be proud of his wonderful family.

Patrick Gill - June 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ To Art who was genuinely one of the nicest, kindest and most gentle spirited people I've ever known. He always had kind words to say and time to listen to you even when you had to speak up a bit. Looking back on the time I spent living with Myrtle and Art during my dental training, I remember how at home I felt there and the generosity that was shown to me. I will never forget that. What a kind heart he was. He will truly be missed.
Love you uncle Art!!!!

Jan & Steve Bachmeyer - June 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM

HH

“ *What a neat video tribute. Art looked so much like his Dad and Judy you look so much like your Mom- especially in the pix where you both have the same hair. I love it!!!! I can see where Ben resembles your Dad, too.*

I only met Art a few times but each time I could see that he was a guy who enjoyed life and enjoyed having fun. And it was obvious he was very proud of his family.

My sympathy to you Judy and Ben and Loren and Eric and to your Mom and your brothers and their families. I wish I could have been there with you to support you.

Even though he is no longer with you the memories will live on forever. My deepest sympathy and love. Helen

Helen Hoverud - June 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ *Hi Myrtle, I think about you often and was wondering how you are getting along. The kids said you spent the holiday weekend with them. That was a good thing.*

I just passed my 82nd birthday and some days I feel every day of it. Sleeping is my biggest problem. My doctor doesn't believe in sleeping pills so I just live with it.

My prayer is that you getting along 'ok'. That's about all we can do, I guess. It gets easier but never goes away. Hang in there, loved One... Dorie

Dorie Ament-Hansen - June 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JU

“ *It has been three months since your passing dad- we are hanging tough down here! We helped the VFW plant a Black Hill Spruce tree in your honor at Sunnybrook Park and represented you at the Am. Cancer Society's "Relay for Life",-- Luminaries lit in your honor and in remembrance.*

Life somehow goes on-- we think of you so often--remembering our love for you and you for us. We miss you greatly.

Judy - June 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM