



Arthur Schanz

October 13, 1916 - April 17, 2011

Wadena resident, Arthur Edward Schanz was born to Edward and Sarah (Heimbecker) Schanz on October 13, 1916, in Alsen, ND, near Langdon. Arthur was united in marriage with Barbara (Terveer) Eickhoff on July 22, 1966 in Verndale. He found his livelihood as a cheese maker at the Aldrich Cheese Factory, and as a bartender at the River Inn and the Verndale Municipal Liquor Store. His hobbies were gardening and playing cards & games with his family. His greatest passion was raising his family and loving his grandchildren & great-grandchildren. Art passed away on April 17, 2011, at the age of 94, at Fair Oaks Lodge in Wadena. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother Richard; and sister Laura Smith. He is survived by his wife Barbara of Wadena; children Chris (Karen) Eickhoff of Canby, Gene (Jane) Eickhoff of Long Prairie, Theresa (Dick) Tangeman of Pillager, Kenny (Rhea) Eickhoff of Musselshell, MT, Margaret (Dean) Carrington of Storm Lake, IA, Leonard (Kardy) Eickhoff of Winnett, MT, Paul (Danita) Eickhoff of Wadena, Joe (Lynne) Eickhoff of Tasmania, Australia, Sarah Rassumson of Ironton, and Jake (Michiyo) Schanz of Escondido, CA; 28 grandchildren & 16 great-grandchildren; brother Gerald Schanz of Moorhead; and several nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. on April 21, 2011, at St. John Lutheran Church in Wadena, with Pastor Stephen Meltzer officiating. Honorary pallbearers were his sons. Active pallbearers were his grandsons Grant Eickhoff, Aaron Eickhoff, Nick Eickhoff, Josh Eickhoff, Ryan Eickhoff, Ross Eickhoff, Jeremy Whitehead, Matt Whitehead, Kirk Reul, Jeffery Schanz,

Austin Rassumson, Craig Schanz.

Tribute Wall

JF

“ I am so sorry. The world has lost a very special person. Art was a wonderful, kind, and loving person. He was such a "people" person. I enjoyed our visit so much. He is no longer suffering. We will miss him so very much, but we have good memories to sustain us. Please be comforted to know others are grieving with you and will keep you all in our prayers. Art did so much for so many and he always was so cheerful and happy! Those hugs were special. Art had the best handshake, and you knew it was genuine and from his heart! No matter where you went in Verndale in the summer, there was Art, riding his mower and taking care of everybody's lawns and doing the best and most articulate time to do it correct. I don't think there was ever a long "hair" piece of grass where it shouldn't be. Sure going to miss him. Memories are the best way to keep him in our minds and hearts. We will all be together as our Savior has promised one day in Heaven. May God grant you peace. With sincerest sympathies and heartfelt sorrow. Jackie, Jay and family

jackie and jay perius family - April 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ There are moments in our lives when words just are not enough. With the passing of Art, this is one of my moments. I feel as if a rare and priceless history book has been taken from me. When I count my memories and treasures, Art will be among them. When we left after our visit Saturday he said "Well,we had a really good time didn't we Sally?" Well,we did in deed!
Art will be sadly missed and fondly remembered. Thank you Barb and the whole family for sharing him with the rest of us.
Sally and Len

Sally Schaffhausen, Len Siegler - April 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ To all of Arts family,
Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you as we all say goodbye to a very special man. Art was one in a million...always upbeat, hardworking, never negative about anything and had the best stories to tell, and the most amazing gardner I have ever seen. I will always remember his excitement on going up in that hot air balloon and the smile on his face. We know he is home now and starting that spring garden for all of heaven to enjoy. *hugs* to all of you.

Todd and Rita - April 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Saying goodbye to a great person is never easy. With so many family members and so much love, Art will be missed by many. My thoughts and prayer go out to the entire family. It was always nice to visit with Art. I have a great memory of him; on Aug 22nd 2006 Margaret and her husband brought their hot air balloon up to Verndale. I attended the balloon-lift event to see my sister Janell float over Verndale, Afterwards I witnessed the flight achievement ceremony. It was so funny to see Art get champagne poured of his head. and the surprised look on his face. I have some great pictures of that moment. Rest in Peace.

Jason Hensley - April 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Just wanted to let you know you are in our thoughts and prayers. Art will be missed by the entire community. Our Deepest Sympathy to the Schanz Family.

Janice Hensley - April 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

P(

“ *The loss of a loved one is very hard but the time you shared with them is worth it all. My thoughts are with you during this time. Cherish the memories you have and hold them close to your heart. Sarah- I remember as we were growing up-your dad was always thoughtful and kind. Sorry for your loss.*

Paula Anderson (Schill) - April 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ *Art was a great person to visit with over the years. He had plenty of drive which kept him going over the years.*

Every one in his family were also great. Thank-you to all of you for being so understanding and helpful. Art had a tremendous amount of support from everyone .

My sympathies and prayers at this difficult time .

John Pate

John Pate - April 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM