



## Bud Dertinger

November 20, 1926 - June 7, 2007

Leonard "Bud" Wilmer Dertinger passed away early in the morning on Thursday, June 7th, at Tri-County Hospital in Wadena. Bud was born to his parents Frank & Clara (Link) Dertinger on November 20, 1926 in Perham. He entered the US Army in March of 1945 and was discharged on Aug. 31, 1951. On Feb. 12, 1950 he was united in marriage to Darlene Mae Noe at the Deer Creek Evangelical United Brethren Church. Bud drove truck for many years, working for Northern Co-op, Mason Brothers, Wensman Seed and Bob Hunt Seed Co. He was also the owner of Wadena Transfer for 15 years and Bud's Sports & Surplus for 5 years. He was a life member of the VFW and served as Post Commander of Elmer Goche Post 3922, charter & life member of the Wadena Elks Lodge 2386 and currently serving in the Inner Guard, a former Wadena County Commissioner, a member of First Congregational United Church of Christ where he has served as a Deacon for many years and a member of the Minnesota Beekeepers Assoc. Besides his beekeeping, Bud enjoyed hunting, fishing, bowling, playing "31", visiting with his many friends and spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. His family was a very important part of his life. Bud was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Gordon. He is survived by his wife Darlene; sons Dick (Carol) of Ottertail and Tim of Elk River; grandchildren Kristin (Scott) Meech, Angie (Davey) Moats, Keith Dertinger; great-grandchildren Madyson, Haile & Bradley; sister Rosy (Harvey) Voge of Deer Creek; brothers in law Ken (Fonda) Noe and Wallace Martin; nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of

friends. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, June 12th at 1:30 PM in the First Congregational United Church of Christ with pastor Orville Sauter officiating. Honorary Pallbearers are members of the Wadena Elks Lodge, Boondocks Cafe coffee friends, Wadena Senior Citizens Center and the Minnesota Beekeepers Association. Active Pallbearers will be Glen Berg, Dean Hylland, LeRoy Kresien, Robert Thomson, Chris Slater, Dudes Richter, Jim Logan and Ed Sawyer. Burial will take place in the Wadena Cemetery with the Elmer Goche Post 3922 of the VFW providing military honors.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Tim & Dick,  
So sorry to hear of your father?s passing. Some fond memories we have of him is when he came to our home in the middle of the night to catch our bats because we were scared, Oh and lets not forget our wild Tonopah (our stray cat that loved injuring humans), having to bring a cage in to catch him, Never knew until we viewed the slide show that Bud was a bee keeper!!!! Good thing we didn?t have a hive? Don?t forget Tim you were (and are) like a brother to us!! and our prayers are with you.*

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**Jane Snethen & Julie Snethen-Peshev** - June 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ *So sorry to hear about Bud. Jim had coffee with him with the coffee group and really enjoyed Bud , He also was a good customer when we had the service station in Wadena. He always was interested in people and enjoyed visiting. We will miss his laugh and wonderful attitude in life. May you find comfort in the Lord in your loss.  
Jim and Vickie  
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**Jim and Vickie Thompson** - June 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I hope Bud knew how much he meant to our entire family, especially my Grandpa Dudes. My entire life includes MANY great memories including Bud- he always knew how to make me laugh, no matter what age I was! He will be missed, always loved, and never forgotten...*

*Namasté- With Love,  
Aimée*

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**Aimée Lynch** - June 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Uncle Bud has been a big part of my life and always will be.  
I will always think of him as the "Honey Bee Man".  
I remember making homemade ice cream with Uncle Bud at their  
house and going over there at Christmas time and sleeping on the  
couch.*

*God Bless Bud.*

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**Nicole Bernd** - June 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM