



Casper Schwartz

March 14, 1918 - October 16, 2008

Casper Joseph Henry Schwartz, age 90, of Wadena passed away on October 16, 2008 in Wadena, Minnesota. He was born on March 14, 1918 in Bluffton to Carl and Lena (Peffer) Schwartz. He graduated from St. John the Baptist School in Bluffton. After that he worked for his mother and many local farmers.

On August 27, 1940, he married Loretta Agnes Rebischke at St. Ann's Church in Wadena. Their marriage was blessed with seven children. In April of 1945 Casper was drafted into the US Army for nine months in Birmingham, AL. On January 30, 1981 Cap retired from Todd-Wadena Electric Cooperative where he was employed for 38 years. After his retirement he was a substitute teacher for the Wadena Technical College. Casper was a volunteer fireman for the Bluffton Fire Department. He sold monuments 22 years for Dent Lakes Granite and volunteered for St. Ann's Cemetery for 25 years. He was a member of the American Legion Post 212 of Park Rapids. Casper was an active parishioner of St. John the Baptist Church in Bluffton and St. Ann's Catholic Church in Wadena, where he was a member of St. John's Society and a 4th Degree Knights of Columbus. He ministered Holy Communion to the homebound for many years. Cap was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He enjoyed spending time with family, fishing, playing cards, visiting people, and sharing his wit. Casper was preceded in death by his wife, Loretta, on February 4, 2008; his parents; son-in-law, Roger Mohs; granddaughter, Jennifer Mohs; sister, Rosella Schwartz; brother-in-laws, Henry Schwartz, Ferdinand, Wilfred, Joseph, Lloyd, and

Jerome Rebeschke; and sister-in-law Catherine Schwartz. Casper is survived by his son Gary (Jean) Schwartz of Park Rapids; daughters, Deian (Ronald) Guck of Hastings, Marjorie Mohs (Harry) Harrison of Wadena, Sister Jean Schwartz, OSB of St. Joseph, Barbara Besett of Bonita Springs, FL, Audrey Davis of Ottertail, and Mary (Greg) Lunzer of Stillwater; 23 grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild; brother, Raymond Schwartz of Los Angeles, CA; sister, Anne Schwartz of Cologne; sister-in-laws, Marge Rebeschke of Rosemount, Ruth Rebeschke of Spring Valley, WI, Rosella Sonsteby of Anoka, and Johanna (Armand) Barasa of Anaheim, CA; brother-in-laws, Sylvester (Frankie) Rebeschke of Eagle River, AK, and Lawrence (Caroline) Rebeschke of Anchorage, AK; and many nieces and nephews. The Mass of Christian Burial was held at 11:00 AM on Monday, October 20, 2008 in the St. Ann's Catholic Church in Wadena, with Father Donald Wagner as celebrant. Interment was in Calvary Cemetery in Wadena. Honorary pallbearers were Gerorge Wynn, Sylvester Schmith, Ben Tellers, and Tom Ludovissie. Active pallbearers were Bruce Guck, Bradley Guck, Michael Mohs, Mitchell Mohs, Gerald Schwartz, and John Rebeschke.

Tribute Wall

KR

“ To the Schwartz Families: Cap was a man that everyone should of had the privalege to know, what a kind gentle man. He truly had a love for his family and the life he lived. He will again be with the woman he loved and missed so dearly. What wonderful memories you must all have. May God bless all of you and I will keep you all in my Prayers Kathy Richter

Kathy Richter - October 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ Give grandma a big hug and kiss, and thanks for everything!!
xoOoxoxo

Jamason - October 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ I am grateful for the many times Casper and Loretta shared their home with me over the last 30 years. Often when Mary and I visited during and after college, I felt welcomed like a seventh daughter. Cap occasionally had some little gift to give and to this day I remember him every time I use one of my Todd-Wadena Electric logo items! He was a great dad to Mary and a special friend to me. Both Cap and Loretta will remain forever in my heart. With love,
Renee

Renee Garpestad - October 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ We are sorry to hear of your loss. Casper was a wonderful man - always so friendly and kind. He will be missed by his family and friends. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.

Paula & Grant Mitchell - October 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Casper was a wonderful man. He was always so cheerful and kind. I will miss his smile. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time.

Joan and Bill Bridges/family - October 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ I will miss grandpa's big hugs and smile.

Mitch and Bethany Mohs - October 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Dear Mary,
I am sorry I cannot be with you and your family for I am sick with the flu. Our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family today for the funeral and in the coming days and months after your dad's death. Big hug.
God Bless You...Love Barb

The Singsank Family - October 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM

IO

“ Dear Mary,

Be assured of my prayers for your dad and your family. Be joyful too, for your dad joins the everlasting Communion of Saints. The Lord, Jesus Christ, is his comfort and refuge. In Him, your dad put his trust, and so we rejoice.

Take heart.

Ify

Ify John Ochiagha - October 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ Dear Family,

I was so shocked, unhappy, and sad to hear this afternoon of Cap passing away on Thursday..and more shocked that his funeral was today at 11 a.m. and sad that I was in Wadena at that time...but did not know of his passing. Had someone on the street told me..I would have immediately dropped everything as I was in Wadena at 10 a.m.

I was totally shocked. We also were in Wadena last night coming home from Bemidji and had we known we certainly would have been at the visitation.

MY heart is saddened that we did not know. We were gone all MEA week-end to Bemidji State University activities, which my husband is a part of, and no messages of any kind were left on our answering machine from several cousins who live in the area and friends. We attended Loretta's and Rosella's(Cap called me on Rosella's himself.) funerals and I am so saddened that I did not attend Casper's. Cap was a favorite of mine over all these years. He was such a distinguished gentleman..his wavy white hair..and a handsome man! We have visited with your father only once after Loretta' passed away. But shortly before your mom passed away we visited with both of them and Cap would explain to us about his fingers.

Our youngest daughter has the same problems and he was PRAYING for her that something could be done this day and age before they would have to be removed like his. HE WAS SO SAD TO HEAR SHE HAD THOSE PROBLEMS.

Well, I have gone on long enough but want you all to know that your FATHER was my mom's(Mary) favorite cousin also. I heard from a relative after the fact, that at the funeral that everyone got "Casper" pins. How thoughtful!!!Please send me a funeral obituarie and program from St. Ann's services.

Again, I feel just sick, unhappy, and disappointed that I did not know

of his passing. Cap worked with my girlfriend at the REA and everyday when I worked in Wadena years back..I always saw Cap for lunch or at the REA.

Cap was the type of person who would know you a mile away. It didn't matter where or what HE KNEW YOU!! I will always have his smile, his white wavy hair, his kindness, his accent for my memories. Besides, I have also a wonderful anniversery photo that Deian had mailed me.

I would have loved to see Anna from Cologne, MN. if she was there today. Anna and I have written to each other over the years. However, probably not since Christmas," 2007. Time goes on by!!

Again, my heart goes out to you all and pray for YOUR forgiveness that I and my husband were not in attendance for Cap's last rights. May God be with HIM now in his hour of peace. They are together at last again.!

May God be with you all and that God will keep you all in touch after loosing both your parents.

Love and God Bless, Maryann and Jerry Riewer(Mary Simmon's Edholm is my mother..born in Bluffton, MN...buried in Inman Twp.,Henning, MN.)

Maryann Edholm Riewer(Jerry) - October 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM

GJ

“ Dear Mary, Greg, David and the rest of Caspers family,

So very sorry to hear of your loss, but heaven's gain. We recently moved and I don't have internet at the new house so I only check my email occasionally at work. I did not find out about Casper's death until just now ... oct 21st.

I remember Mary's parents visiting her both at st. mary's as well as when mary and I were roomies in richfield. They were always so fun and lively (just like mary) and down to earth. we always enjoyed their visits. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.. much love

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ginny and craig johnson

ginny johnson - October 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM