



Chester Martini

March 30, 1919 - May 12, 2011

Chester Woodrow Ray Martini, age 92, passed away on May 12, 2011 at the Fair Oaks Lodge in Wadena. Chester was born March 30, 1919 in Wadena, the son of Charles Ray and Hazel Pearl (Billington) Martini. He grew up and graduated from Pine River High School in 1937. In 1941, Chester married Norma Aho. Norma passed away in 1993. Chester married Doris Gniffke in 1994. Chester farmed west of Sebeka for 40 years. Upon retirement, he moved to Wadena. Chester was committed to community service and served as chairman of the Sebeka School Board for 20 years. He served on various church and community boards along with serving on the Production Credit Association Board for 28 years. He was an active member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Wadena. Chester had been an avid hunter. He loved discussing politics and sports, always ready with the latest statistics. Chester is preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Norma; an infant son; and daughter, Renee Martini. He is survived by his wife, Doris; his blended family of Jerome (Jeannie) of Sebeka; Ruth Ann (Bill) Uggén of Kalamazoo, MI; Lorie (Jim) Baron of Wadena; and Jeff Gniffke of St. Paul; 16 grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren; brother, Reynold (Elsie) of Sebeka; and sister, Donna Curry of Portland, OR. Funeral services will be held Tuesday, May 17, at 2:00 PM at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Wadena with Pastor Marilyn Breckenridge officiating. Interment will be held in the Wadena Cemetery with Chester's grandchildren serving as pallbearers. Chester's family would like to express their appreciation to Dr. Nicole Strand for her care during Chester's

recent hospitalization and to Dr. Matt Yelle for his many years of supportive medical care; Thank you's to the staff of Tri-County Hospital, the staff of Fair Oaks Lodge, and all of the supportive neighbors.

Tribute Wall

TB

“ *We miss you and LOVE you Grandpa!*

Troy Baron - May 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ *May the Lord comfort his family, and give them peace.*

Reverend David Anderson - May 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM

HM

“ *Miss you Grandpa! You've taught me many wonderful values and ethics and will always be remembered!*

Heather Martini - May 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM

IM

“ *My Sympathy to Doris and the family on Chet's passing.*
Irene Myres

Irene Myres - May 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ *God's grace and peace goes out to his family*

Roy Milbradt - May 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM

VC

“ *May the memories of time spent together give you strength and comfort during this difficult time.*

Vicki (Theisen) Chesney - May 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM