



## Clement Kern

March 11, 1919 - March 20, 2009

Clement Joseph Kern, age 90, of Bluegrass, MN, died March 20, 2009 at his home. Clem was born the eldest of 8 children to Adam and Emily (Botzet) Kern on March 11, 1919. He spent his early years working with his father and uncles in the logging and threshing businesses. He was united in marriage to Margaret Dougherty on July 16, 1946, at St. Hubert's Catholic Church in Bluegrass. He and Margaret raised seven children on their farm east of Bluegrass. To supplement the farm income Clem worked for the Mesabi Iron Mining Company in northern Minnesota, and for the Northern Co-op in Wadena. Clem loved fishing with friends and family, enjoyed watching Twins baseball games, had a nostalgic fondness for old tractors and steam engines, and a great affinity for machines of any kind. He was a member of the Holy Name Society at St. Hubert's Catholic Church. His family was very important to him and he loved visits from his 21 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren. He could always manage a smile and a twinkle came to his eyes as he found the humor in their antics. He had a great memory and loved to reminisce and tell tales of bygone days. Clem was preceded in death by his parents, Adam and Emily; brothers, Ray, Ed, and Bob; and sister, Hilde Uselman. He will be sadly missed by Margaret, his wife of 62 years; sons, Gary, Gene (Jan), and Jack (Ronda), all of Sebeka; daughters, Barbara (John) Runck of Iowa City, IA, Trudy (Murlyn) Kreklau of Sebeka, Laurie (Jim) Wolf of Eagle River, AK, and Mitzi (Mike) Blanchard of Muskego, WI; 21 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren; brother, Bill Kern of Bluegrass; sisters, Mary Kern

of Bluegrass, and Dorie Stoltman of Minnetonka; and many nieces and nephews. The Mass of Christian Burial was held on Tuesday, March 24, 2009 at 11:00 AM at St. Hubert's Catholic Church in Bluegrass with Father Michael Kellogg as celebrant. Honorary pallbearers were his granddaughters, Cindi Lillquist, Mandy Bouwman, Gianna Swift, Julie Stevens, Laura Haman, Sara Erickson, Cydney Wolf, Molly Wolf, Tori Kern, Haylea Kern, Addie Blanchard, Hannah Blanchard, and Martha Blanchard. Active pallbearers were his grandsons, Ted Kern, Jeff Kern, Christopher Runck, Joe Kreklau, Zack Kreklau, Adam Kern, Alex Wolf, and Isaac Wolf. Interment was in St. Hubert's Catholic Cemetery, east of Bluegrass.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Clem has worked so hard all his life. He and Margaret raised a beautiful family. When our family (Leo and Hilde) lived in Bluegrass us kids loved to come to your house to visit and I always remember how you loved tomato sandwiches. You will be missed. Love Pat*

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**Patricia Guler** - March 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ *We are so sorry to hear of the loss of Clem.He will be missed.We will keep Clem and your families in our prayers.*

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**Francis & Lorraine Lajeunesse & Family** - March 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Margaret & Family,*

*We are truly sorry to hear about Uncle Clem's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. We really enjoyed our last visit with you. We are sitting here reminiscing and contemplating how Clem will be able to talk without his cane in Heaven. It had become quit an extension of his arm and we are not sure he could have said two words without that arm in motion.*

*Love to all,  
Chad & Linda*

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**Chad & Linda Uselman** - March 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RJ

“ Dear Family,

*I think YOU are the perfect example of who Clem was to all of us and with you he still lives on. Uncle Clem will be missed by all of us. I thank God we still have a part of him in each of you! You know you all are in my prayers.*

*God Bless!*

*Renee and kids*

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**Renee Jenniges** - March 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM