



Delbert Giese

September 2, 1922 - May 19, 2010

Delbert William Giese was born in Horton Township, MN, to Fred and Meta (Hahn) Giese on September 2, 1922. He graduated from Hancock High School in 1940. Soon after high school he joined the National Guard, and was then transferred to serve this great nation in the United States Army during WWII. Delbert served in Europe for three years in such places as Iceland, England, Belgium, and Normandy, France. In the early 1950s, Delbert worked for the National T Grocery Store chain which eventually landed him in Staples, MN. After a few months in Staples he accepted a position at the lumber yard and made Staples his home. In 1964, Delbert was united in marriage to Margaret Goodrich-Jenson and acquired three step-sons, Dewey, Douglas, and Alan Jenson. In 1965, Delbert and Margaret were blessed with a daughter, Theresa. One more career change landed him at the hospital in Staples, as the Head Maintenance Engineer, where he worked for over 25 years. Retirement did not slow him down; Delbert and Margaret then became caretakers of Head Lake Campground near Richville for several summers. He loved to socialize with all of the campers, telling stories and playing his accordion around the campfire. Into his eighties, Delbert still mowed lawns and built Adirondack lawn chairs. He loved to work with his hands and the garage was his favorite place to be. In 2008, his health and age finally forced him to sell their home in Staples, and moved to Wadena. Even though he only lived in Wadena for less than two years, he made quite an impression. He joined the Wadena VFW and became a cherished friend to staff and members

of the Wadena Elks Club. After 87 years, 8 months, and 17 days, Delbert went home to be with our Lord on May 19, 2010, at Fair Oaks Lodge in Wadena. Delbert is survived by his wife, Margaret of Wadena; daughter, Theresa (Paul Hagen) Edwards of Wadena; step-sons Dewey (Vicki) of Staples, Doug (Heidi) of Lakewood, WA, and Alan of Evanston, WY; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; a brother Orval (Ruth) of Wakasha, WI; numerous nieces and nephews; and many friends. Delbert was preceded in death by his parents, Fred and Meta; and his sister Aileen. Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. on May 21, 2010, in the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Wadena, with Pastor Rob Nelson officiating. Military Honors were provided by the Elmer Goche Post 3922, Veterans of Foreign Wars, in Wadena, MN. Honorary pallbearers were Kayla Giese, Matthew Edwards, Joshua Edwards, Michelle Sjobeck, Tracey Heffner, Jeniffer Jenson, Luke Jenson, and Levi Jenson. Interment was in the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery at Camp Ripley, near Little Falls, MN.

Tribute Wall

CW

“ Hi Margaret,
Sorry to hear about Delbert. You and the rest of the family are in our thoughts and prayers. We'll never forget all the fun we had at Head Lake.

Cindy Wolf - May 19, 2010 at 12:00 AM

VL

“ Del (and Margaret too) were terrific to us during our Head Lake camping days. I still have the hammer Del gave me specially for my camping use. I cannot tell you how many wonderful memories we have with Del and Margaret. I still have the Andirondack chairs he built for me and the wishing well. My kids still remember sitting on Del's lap at camp around the campfire and watching the magic he made with the campfire colors. You will always be a wonderful part of their growing up memories...and in our hearts. With love, Vicki Leaderbrand and family.

Vicki Leaderbrand - May 19, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Delbert Was my Favorite Uncle. I remember going to his house many times & always enjoying the time I spent there with Uncle Delbert, & the family, and always wanting to stay longer. He will truly be missed by alot of people. My prayers go out to Theresa in this time, & if she ever wants to talk she can always send me a e-mail or we can always call each other.
littlemother_65@yahoo.com Or my phone no. Is (218) 651-0173 All my love Theresa, Judy

Judy Mohr - May 19, 2010 at 12:00 AM