



Dick Grewe

June 2, 1931 - October 25, 2010

Longtime Wadena resident Dick Grewe passed away, unexpectedly, on October 25, 2010, at the age of 79, at the Frazee Care Center in Frazee, MN. Richard Dale Grewe was born on June 2, 1931, to Gerhard and Louise (Attleson) Grewe in their farm home near Verndale, where he was raised. He graduated with the Verndale High School Class of 1949. He continued his education gaining a B.A. in Business Administration in 1957, from St. Cloud State University. Dick served honorably in the United States Army from 1952 to 1954, where he received the National Defense Service Medal and Army Occupational Medal. Dick and Arlene Ann Utermarck were united in marriage on February 26, 1955, in the Evangelical and Reform Church in Wadena. They made their home in Wadena where Dick will be remembered as the voice on KWAD/KKWS for over 12 years, serving as Vice President, manager, and sports broadcaster. From there he went into insurance sales management. Dick used his energies in serving the area communities as the Crow Wing Trails Association Past President, a Jaycee International Senator, a Wadena Lions Past President, a life member of the Elmer Goche VFW Post 3922, a charter member of the Wadena Elks Club, a member of the Wadena and Verndale Historical Societies, as a deacon on the Stewardship Committee at the First Congregational United Church of Christ, and as a 34 year member of the American Legion Club #0171, along with being active in the Hi-10 Baseball League for many years. Dick was honored as the Wadena Jaycee Outstanding Man of the Year, and was inducted into the MN Baseball Hall of

Fame in 1984. In his spare time he enjoyed baseball, softball, hunting, fishing, camping, golfing, cooking, gardening, and spending time with his family. Dick was preceded in death by his parents Gerhard and Louise. He is survived by his loving and devoted wife Arlene; sons Rick (Lynn) of Hackensack and Ron of Perham; daughter Pam Sandberg of Menahga; grandchildren Christina, Ashley (Adam), Tara, Heather (Lowell), and Liam; great grandchild Jaden; brother Ron Rudolph Grewe of Seattle, WA; sister Janice (Jim) Neuschwander of Dayton; aunts Noreen Reece of Wadena and Betty (Grewe) Martinsen of Baxter; uncle Helmar Grewe of Deer Creek; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. Memorial services were held at 2:00 p.m. on November 3, 2010, in the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Wadena, with Pastor Bob Griggs officiating. Honorary pallbearers were all the members of Dick's beautiful family. Military honors were provided by the Elmer Goche Post 3922, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Wadena, MN. Interment will be in the Wadena Cemetery.

Tribute Wall

SB

“*Sorry I am not able to be with you today for Dick's Service. I am with you in spirit. May God be with you and give you strength during this time. Remember the good times you shared with Dick. "Memories are like stars in the dark night of Sorrow".*

Love Sandy

Sandy Becker - October 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JR

“*To the Grewe Family:*

Dick and Arlene have been wonderful friends to us for close to 50 years. Many enjoyable visits, and many, many baseball games. Dick took a young, inexperienced coach under his wing in 1960, and really helped me get started in my coaching career. Dick was one of the greatest promoters of Amatuer Baseball in central Minnesota, if not the entire state. Dick is in the Minnesota Amatuer Baseball Hall of Fame

and I am so proud to be in the Hall of Fame along with him.

Jerry Riewer,

Jerry Riewer - October 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ Dear Arlene, Pam, Rick, and Ron,

As you know this is also very hard for my Jerry to loose such a great friend. I am not able to make the funeral but Jerry will be attending...and I am sure all the BASEBALL STORIES will be flying afterwards when lunch is served.

Arlene, my love and prayers go out to you..who so lovingly took care of Dick all these years. The over night stays we had at your home.in Wadena...to late and tired after baseball games to go home. The times we would visit after baseball games in Park Rapids.

I have also written to our cousin Beatrice.

No matter how old we get we will always miss our loved ones.We just have tons of memories and all those photos.

As you know Jan Riewer is married to Jerry's cousin who is in charge at the Frazee Care center.

Now that Jordan is at Moorhead State we will be traveling that way soon again and we will stop to see you.

God Bless and prayers go out to you and your family,

MARYANN RIEWER

Maryann Riewer - October 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ *Sorry to hear of Dick's passing.I will never forget the passion that Dick had for baseball.Many nights we'd spend countless hours talking about the game played and the next ones to follow.I can still see him now in that No. 20 Chiefs uniform it brings back great memories.You will be missed.*

Rick Tappe - October 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ *Arlene and family. Our love and prayers are with you. Dick was such a devoted husband and father. He loved you all so much and was so proud of you all. He was so loved and respected by both of us. And he did cook us some wonderful meals. I have so many wonderful memories of him. May he rest in peace, he's with his Father in heaven and he will always remain in our hearts. It was so hard to see him struggle these past years, but he always smiled. We will meet again. Rely on God, he will see us all through this mourning process. Gods Blessing Jan*

Jan & Jim Neuschwander - October 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ *Grewe's
I was sorry to hear about Dick's passing. I know what you are going through having lost my mother almost 2 years ago now. Just take it day by day and share and smile about all the good times you had with him.*

I remember all the fun times at the Grewe house. I also recall all the great baseball times in High School, Legion, VFW and the Chiefs and Dick always supporting our teams. Your Dad was a friendly joking type person and when I would come over to your house he would have a smile and a joke or be ready to kid me a little. But that is what was so fun and nice about him. He always made me feel welcome when I got together with Ron and at all the ball games too. He always wanted to know how I was doing.

He will be missed. My thoughts are with all of you.

Lars

Mark Larson - October 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ So sorry to hear of Dick's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.

Art & Judy Halverson - October 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

NW

“ Arlene and family,
Sorry to hear of Dick's passing. All those baseball memories are flooding back, and include Jerry and Lyle as well. And thos softball years as well.
I still remember when Dick sold insurance to us. He knew what he was doing.
You are in my thoughts and prayers.
Nellie Wegscheid

nellie wegscheid - October 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Not only a good person, but a good baseball person.

Duane Shaw - October 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ We are so sorry to hear of Dicks passing. I always enjoyed his joking with family.

Renee Murray - October 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ *Arlene and family, I was surprised and saddened to learn of Dick's death. I was in Wadena recently and found out that you no longer lived there. After 38 years I guess some things do change. You and your family are in my prayers.*

Micky Jolly - Hulst - October 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *Grewe's:*

Sorry to hear about your husband and father.

Our thoughts are with you.

Dan and Donna Sartell

Dan & Donna Sartell - October 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KQ

“ *Sorry to have of Dick's passing. He was a good neighbor. My kids called him the peanut man, as whenever they were at my mom's house playing in the backyard, he would call them over and give them peanuts. He was a great man!*

Kim (Andrie) Quincer - October 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ *Arlene and Family,
Saddened to hear of the loss of Dick. Our family is feeling the same things right now with the loss of my dad last week. Dick was a good person and he will be missed. Our condolences to all of you.*

Lori Kneisl - October 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Ron and family,

Very sorry to hear of Dick's passing--he was one of a kind. I hope you know that there are a lot of us out here who will be forever grateful for his passion and dedication to promoting baseball in Wadena...so many good memories of Chiefs baseball. Although these are emotionally trying times, I hope you find the energy to celebrate and remember the many great things Dick did throughout his life.

Godspeed in your healing.

David Hunnicutt - October 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Arlene and family, You have our thoughts and prayers. God bless you all, Jani

Jani Heins - October 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM