



Donald Blaha

June 10, 1913 - June 25, 2007

Donald Boyd Blaha was born to his parents Frank & Ethel (Boyd) Blaha on June 10, 1913 on the family farm in Thomastown Township. He passed away peacefully at his home on Monday morning, June 25th. Don lived on the family farm until the age of 6. His family moved to Staples for 14 years before returning to the farm where he spent the rest of his life as a dairy and beef farmer. He was active in the Central United Methodist Church and was instrumental in organizing the Central Methodist Men's Club. He was a 4-H leader, rural school board member for many years and was a charter member of the River Trail Riders saddle club. Don was a board member of Todd-Wadena Rural Electric Co-op for 27 years, serving 19 years as board President. He was the local walking history book and enjoyed being a part of the Verndale and Wadena Historical Societies. He has spent his lifetime in this area. Don enjoyed horses and fishing and he very much enjoyed time spent with family and friends. Don was preceded in death by his parents; wife Lorraine on Dec. 6, 1996 and his son Gordon. He is survived by sons Barry (Liz) of Menahga and Frank (Jackie) of Sebeka; daughters Carla of Verndale and Jill (Floyd) Scudder of Verndale; 12 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren. Memorial services will be conducted on Friday, June 29th at 1:30 PM in the Central United Methodist Church with pastor Jill Pawlowski officiating.

Tribute Wall

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“ *I can't think of a nicer family than the Blahas. I miss great people like them so much now that I live in the big city. Most of us only dream of knowing people like this.*

Scott Napier - June 25, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ *What a great man. So many fun times with conversations, cards, listening to Don and Stan talk about Studebakers. He and your mom were always so concerned about everyone else. I will be up to see you.
I could not get my computer to pull up the DVD. Clicked on it, but it was blocked. Love from Coleen.*

Coleen Frye - June 25, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *Dearest Blaha Family
My heart goes out to all of you at this time of sorrow. I have had the great pleasure of knowing Don and his family for 30 yrs. what a great guy , He was, never at a loss for words,and he always listened to every word you had to say. I will miss him and his great smile along with his great sense of humor
May you find comfort in Memories
You have my Deepest Sympathy*

Jan Hensley - June 25, 2007 at 12:00 AM

J&

“ It was a great pleasure to know someone as kind and special as Don. I know my parents were very fond on Don and couldn't ask for a better neighbor, after getting back from FLA. Every spring one their first visits was to sit on Dons porch with a cup of coffee, enjoying all the hummingbird and the great smells of the farms. We will miss him greatly. I pray he is a special place now visiting all his friends and family who have gone before him and visiting with my dad, since they didn't get the chance to do so this spring. My deepest condolences go out to all the family; you are all beautiful people as you are part of Don.

Jim & - June 25, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ Dear Blaha Family,
Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this time. We are so sorry for your loss. Don was a wonderful man, always with a smile and a story and a way of making you feel really welcome. I know my Dad enjoyed Don and considered him one of his best friends. I imagine the two of them are having coffee and hashing over the worlds politics right now. Hold close to your heart your memories.

Larry J. DeWald - June 25, 2007 at 12:00 AM