



Donald Koranda

September 1, 1921 - December 4, 2004

Donald Dale Koranda was born to his parents Joseph & Mathilda (Winter) Koranda on September 1, 1921 in Lesterville, SD. He passed away on Saturday evening at the Tri-County Hospital in Wadena. Don was united in marriage to Averil Mae Thomson on June 6, 1942. He then entered the US Army and served overseas during WWII. When he returned he began working for the Todd-Wadena Rural Electric Cooperative where he worked as a lineman for 37 years before his retirement. Don enjoyed hunting and fishing, wood working, wine making, helping others, spending time with his children, grand and great-grandchildren, cutting wood, gardening, spending time with his friends and working in his church for his Lord - especially the Chapel Communion Service. He also enjoyed being a part of "the wild bunch", playing canasta, dominos and rummikub. Don was preceded in death by his parents; brothers Edward, Clarence & Glen; sisters Josephine Leonhart, Hattie Hoyt, Mathilda Scott, Ernestine Koranda & Lucy Thomson; his grandson Dusty Leighty and great grandsons Christian Perez and Landon Hennenkamp. He is survived by his wife Ave; daughters Patricia Scott of Mesa, AZ, Lola (Dennis) Puckett of Des Moines, IA, & Sandra (Phillip) Leighty of LaVeta, CO; sons Donald (Patti) Koranda of Bismarck, ND, Kermit (Mary) Scott of Eau Claire, WI, James (Marilyn) of Alexandria, MN, Harsey (Janet) Scott of Park Rapids, MN; 24 grandchildren, 48 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great grandchild. Burial will take place with full military honors by the Elmer Goche Post 3922 VFW of Wadena in the Wadena Cemetery.

Tribute Wall

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“ Don was a wonderfully warm, caring, and gracious man who genuinely loved--and was thankful for--life and his fellow human beings. He always had a twinkle in his eye to go with the smile and warmth he shared with those around him. Not only did he profess his strong faith in Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior, but he put that faith into action by ministering to others. While Don will be missed by those who knew him, his spirit will live on in the legacy he left behind.

Ruth & Larry Clark - December 04, 2004 at 12:00 AM