



Edwin Otto

May 11, 1942 - December 14, 2008

Edwin Rudolph "Pete" Otto passed away December 14, 2008, at the St. Cloud Hospital. He was born on May 11, 1942, to Arthur and Alvina "Pat" (Ruhoff) Otto at Bertha, Minnesota. He attended school in the country and then in Staples, and served in the U.S. Army from 1964 to 1966. On his return, he involved himself in farm labor and then began driving truck. He married Evelyn (Porter) on June 13, 1970, at St. Isidore's, Moran, and they made Wadena their home throughout their marriage. Pete seemed to find his "calling" as a farm machinery mechanic, working at Jacobson Oil, Uselman's Inc., Northland Implement, and Evergreen Equipment, all in Wadena. After back surgery, a change was prescribed, and he began driving non-emergency transportation, first for Medi-Van and then for about a dozen years for Peoples Express, until his recent retirement. Pete is survived by his wife, Evelyn; daughters Sara of Minnetonka, and Lori (Thomas) York of Shakopee; son, Andy (Lori Peters), of Wadena; and granddaughter, Lydia York of Shakopee; brothers Jim of the Twin Cities, Bill of Wadena; sisters Lois Veien and Henrietta (J.Robert) Vanderburg of Paris, TX, Grace (Dennis) Rau of Hughes Springs, TX, and JoAnn (John) Miller of Clarissa. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated December 19, 2008, at St. Ann's Catholic Church, Wadena, by Father Donald Wagner, with Deacon Sherman Otto assisting. Pallbearers were nephews: John, Larry, Duane and Randy Reed, and Jim Otto; and niece, LeAnn Hermann, all representing his many nieces and nephews. Interment was at Wadena's Calvary Cemetery.

Tribute Wall

MC

“ Dear Evelyn and family,
We are so sorry to hear about Pete! He was so helpful and kind. Any time that Johnny was working out in the yard, Pete would come over to watch, keep him company, and offer suggestions and help. During the time that Andy was in Iraq, I could look out from the kitchen window and see his car parked forlornly under a mountain of snow and think sad thoughts about his absence. Now I will look out and expect Pete to go by, taking Onslow for a walk. We will miss Pete, and we will pray for your whole family! But we're grateful that Pete lived to see Andy's safe return from Iraq, to see the three children you raised become such fine adults, each in his/her own way..... and to meet little Lydia! Evelyn, you and Pete have been the best neighbors one could have! We wish peace for all of your family now.
Love,
Marilyn and Johnny Carver

Marilyn and Johnny Carver - December 14, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KO

“ Dear Evelyn, Sara, Lori and Andy,

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your extended family during this difficult time. I have been privileged to know Sara since our St. Ann's days. There is not a nicer girl or family...Pete and Evelyn did a wonderful job raising such great children. May your memories of your husband and dad burn bright to keep you comforted. Thinking of you!

Katy and Jon Olson - December 14, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Dear Evelyn, Sara, Lori, and Andy,

We are saddened to hear of your loss. Your family and ours became connected with our older daughters hitting school age at the same time. Hold tight to your memories--we thought so much of Ed, your husband and dad. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Dave and Lynda

Dave and Lynda Wosmek - December 14, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ *I am deeply sorry for your loss. He will be missed by all.*

Kirsten Hansen - December 14, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ *Sara*

My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. Take care and God bless.

Cheryl Como - December 14, 2008 at 12:00 AM

ED

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. While it may be hard to remember, you will get to see him again someday.*

Elise Durbin - December 14, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ *I'm deeply sorry for the loss in your family and my thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Darren Folkestad - December 14, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Dear Evelyn, Andy, Sara & Lori
I just found out tonight from my sister about the loss in your family. I am so sorry. If there is anything we can do, please call. We will always remember the family birthday parties, our inseparable sons relationship and the friendly neighbors on the other corner of the block that we could always count on and know our kids were always right at home at your house. We have always considered you as one of our best neighbors and always a very good friend. Our family is deeply saddened. We will keep your entire family in our prayers.

Dave and Sharon Folkestad - December 14, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TO

“ Sara, my condolences to you and your family. The Otto house was one of my favorite stops on the way from College to Sauk. During my visits, your Dad was frequently out working in the community or just a quiet presence in your home as he listened to all the girls gab. Consequently, I did not know him well, but he must have been someone special to help create such a wonderful home and family. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Tara Oberg - December 14, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ May you rest in Peace. You are loved and will be truly missed!

Tamara Rau-Dillard - December 14, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ To all our favorite cousins... We are so very sorry for your loss.

Mike Porter - December 14, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ Although I never had the opportunity to meet your husband/dad/grandfather, through the years Sara has shared many stories, told with love, about the Otto family. I am very sorry for this sudden and painful loss. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Pam Hoepner - December 14, 2008 at 12:00 AM

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with ya'll.
I just wished we could have made it up there. Love ya'll*

p.s. I found this poem I wanted to share with you.

If Tears Could Build a Stairway

*If tears could build a stairway,
and memories a lane.
I would walk right up to Heaven
and bring you back again.*

*No farewell words were spoken,
No time to say*

'Goodbye

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*You were gone before I knew it,
And only God knows why.*

*My heart still aches with sadness,
and secret tears still flow,
What it meant to love you ?
No one can ever know.*

*But now I know you want me
to mourn for you no more:
To remember all the happy times
Life still has much in store.*

*Since you'll never be forgotten,
I pledge to you today,
A hollowed place within my heart
is where you'll always stay.*

MM

“ Dear Otto Family,

My husband Mike and I only know Sara but we can not help but feel that we know all of you so well. When ever Sara and I would get together, we always shared stories, thoughts and concerns of your family and mine.

Sara is a dear person, so loving and considerate. She comes from good stock and I know is a reflection of your loving home.

I am so sorry for your loss. From experience I can tell you - that you will never get used to the loss of your loved one - but you will get used to the hurt and suffering associated with your loss.

God bless all of you during this time.

Linda and Mike Mahoney

Mike and Linda Mahoney - December 14, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Evelyn and family, Received the PJ today and was surprised to read about Pete. My deepest sympathy. I remember my mother says how nice he was when he helped transport her.
I'll be in touch. Julie Geiser

Juliana Geiser - December 14, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ *Dear Otto family*

Our thoughts and prayers are with you all on our loss.

Tom and Bernice

Tom and Bernice Pickar - December 14, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ *I am so very sorry to hear of your Dad's passing, Sara. It is devastating and God only knows there will be an empty spot in your family at Christmas. Please know that your Dad and all of your family will be in my thoughts and prayers. Here is a virtual hug till I see you next.*

*Friendship always,
Kathy*

Kathy Karkula - December 14, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ *What a very sad way to end 2008. We never did get the opportunity to meet Mr. Otto but felt as though we had. Over the years, we've come to feel the Otto family was an extension of ours and probably always will.*

May God take care of those left behind and also take care of Ed while he waits for them.

Love and prayers, as always!!!

MaryBeth & Matt Blair - December 14, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ Evelyn, so sorry to hear about Pete was shocked, was much too young! I know we haven't kept in touch, but remember working with you at Dr Greg Kilbane's dental office.

Marilee Domier - December 14, 2008 at 12:00 AM