



## Elvin Schwantz

July 31, 1927 - December 17, 2007

Funeral services for Elvin Schwantz of Wrightstown was held at 10:00 AM on Saturday, December 22, 2007 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Bertha with Reverend Blake Rickbeil presiding. Elvin passed away on Monday, December 17, 2007 at the Long Prairie Memorial Hospital in Long Prairie at the age of 80 years. Elvin Julius Schwantz was born on July 31, 1927 to William and Annie (Pfeffer) Schwantz at home in Woodside Township. He was united in marriage with Mary Jane Prah on November 23, 1946 at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Deer Creek. Elvin and Mary owned and operated their farm outside of Wrightstown. He served the Woodside Township community as a member of the Township Board and was a Woodside 4-H leader. He enjoyed bowling, reading and playing card games with his grandchildren. Elvin was preceded in death by his wife Mary in 2001; parents William and Annie Schwantz; brother Leslie Schwantz and sister Vergie Walker; and a great-granddaughter. He is survived by his son John Elvin (Sharon) of Clarissa; daughters Jane Ann (Richard) Rose of Broken Arrow, OK, Patricia Kay (David) Slyter of Sabin, MN, Carol Lynn Schachtschneider of Fergus Falls, Kathy Jo (Michael) Kottom of Eagle Bend and Nancy Marie (Jason) Bachmann of Frazee; 17 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren; brother Bill Schwantz of Harris, MN and sister Theresa Weber of Wadena; and many nieces and nephews. Honorary Pallbearers were Daniel Rose, David Rose and Christopher Rose. Pallbearers were Jason Schwantz, James Klokstad, Paul Schwantz, Seth Schachtschneider, Shane Schachtschneider, Robert Rose and Aaron Arndt.

Interment was in the Woodside Cemetery at Wrightstown.

# Tribute Wall

MJ

“ Mark called and said your dad and grandpa died and you have our sincerest sympathy. Even if they are not in the best of health, it's hard to see them go. We know they have it better now, but it is the ones who are left behind who miss them. I love the passage in John 14:3 where Jesus said "If I go to prepare a place for you,... there you may be also".

We have special memories of your folks, because they made you immediately feel part of the family, and were so loving. I can still feel the hugs your mom gave. We visited them and whichever of you children were born, when we were on our honeymoon and went "up north". I remember it so clearly - your mom sent one of you children to get some canned beef and made supper so fast I couldn't believe it. Your dad loved to visit and we will always remember the good times spent together. We are sorry we didn't keep in touch so much these last years, but we have the memories.

We will be thinking of you in the days and weeks ahead, as you learn to live without him.

All our love to everyone,  
Melvin and Bev

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**Melvin and Bev Johnson** - December 17, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Sorry for your families loss of your father. your family is in my prayers.

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**Cody Springer** - December 17, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ Sorry for the loss of your father you and your family are in my heart and prayers.

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**alyssa bertram** - December 17, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ *Sorry for the loss of your father.*

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**Tony Ross** - December 17, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ *Carol and all the rest of the family,  
I just heard of your Father's death. I am sorry for your loss, I know  
you all will miss your dad deeply. I won't be able to attend the  
services but all of you will be in my thoughts and prayers. I really  
enjoyed your mom and dad, they were so full of joy, warmth, and  
kindness. God bless.*

*Rocky*

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**Rachele Reese** - December 17, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ *To the family of Elvin - our deepest sympathy.*

*We have many good memories of your wonderful family. Some of  
you visited during the reunion back in White and came out to our  
farm. Elvin always commented on our wide-open fields in SD. We  
enjoyed visiting he and your mother. They were Mark's God-parents  
and Mark couldn't have asked for anyone better.*

*God's Blessings to all of you. It has been a privilege to be a small  
part in their lives.*

*Our hope is that you will come visit and keep in touch with us.*

*With Sympathy,  
Mark & Pam  
Jordan, Sarah & Brandon*

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**Mark & Pam Johnson** - December 17, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ Dear Family -

*You have our deepest sympathy! I'm sorry we won't be able to attend on Saturday, it would have been good to touch base with all of you once again.*

*My mom and dad (Lloyd and Elmira) have been gone for several years already. No matter how old you are or they are, they still are your mom and dad and you will miss them.*

*Your dad was one of the nicest, kindest men I've ever known. He was such a gentle person, I always admired that in him.*

*Know that you are in our thoughts and prayers this week.*

*Carolyn and Dave Robbins*

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**Carolyn (Johnson) and David Robbins** - December 17, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ It is just 17 years since my mother died, and this is a poem/reading that dad read to her shortly before she died, and we used it at her funeral, and I thought I'd share it with you.

Bev Johnson

### *My First Christmas in Heaven*

*I'll have my first Christmas in Heaven,  
A glorious, wonderful day!  
I'll stand with the saints of the ages,  
Who found Christ the Truth and the Way.  
I'll sing with the heavenly choir,  
Just think! I loved so to sing!  
And, Oh, what celestial music  
I'll bring to our Saviour and King!  
I'll sing the glad songs of redemption,  
How Jesus to Bethlehem came,  
And how they had called His name Jesus,  
That all might be saved through His name.  
I'll sing once again with the angels,  
The song that they spoke that blest morn,  
When shepherds first heard the glad story  
That Jesus, the Saviour, was born.  
O dear ones, I wish you could be here,  
No Christmas on earth could compare  
With all the rapture and glory  
I'll witness in heaven so fair.  
You know how I always loved Christmas;  
It seemed such a wonderful day,  
With all of my loved ones around me,  
The children so happy and gay.  
Yes, now I can see why I loved it.  
And oh, what a joy it will be  
When you and my loved ones are with me,  
To share in the glories I see.*

*So, dear ones on earth, here's my greeting,  
Look up till the day dawn appears,  
And oh, what a Christmas awaits us  
Beyond our parting tears.*

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**Melvin and Bev Johnson** - December 17, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JS

“*Dear Mary and family, I am the gand daughter of Elsie Prah. My name is Juliet (Hudson) Simmons. I am sorry for your loss. I hope that the new year brings you peace. Sincerely, Juliet, Anthony and daughters Randi and Race Simmons*

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**Juliet Simmons** - December 17, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MK

“*Carol~ I heard of your loss through Nance Brandborg. I am sorry and know how you feel. No one loves his little girl like her dad. I'll be thinking of you in the coming months. Love, Mary Ellen*

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**Mary Ellen Kollodge** - December 17, 2007 at 12:00 AM