



Fabian Richter

April 9, 1922 - October 31, 2003

Fabian James Richter was born to Frank and Mary (Pitzel) Richter on April 9, 1922 at Frazee, MN. Fabian passed away at the V.A. facility in Brainerd on Oct. 31, 2003 at the age of 81 years. Fabian served in the US Army from 1942 - 1946. On Nov. 18, 1947, Fabian married Bernice Byrdella Baker at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Wadena. Bernice passed away in 1969. Fabian was a member of the V.F.W., Knights of Columbus, & Telephone Pioneers. He was a retired telephone technician. He lived most of his life in Wadena. Fabian enjoyed spending time with his family, especially the grandchildren and great grandchildren. He loved Harley Davidson motorcycles and old cars - notably the Model A and 1951 Ford. He looked forward to having coffee with his friends and getting together with longtime friends and co-workers from the telephone company. Fabian is preceded in death by his wife; parents; and brother - Gerard (Gardy). He is survived by daughters - Virginia (Gregg) Heldt of Eagle Bend, Mary Ann (Dave) Schmidt of Clitheral, Bev (Jerry) Lorentz of Eagle Bend, Diane Lepper of Wadena, & Debbie (Craig) Hess of Eagle Bend; sons - Greg (Doris) of Willmar & David (Laura) of Daytona Beach, FL; 24 grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren; and brothers - Maurice (Sally) of Perham & Gervase "Dudes" (Gladys) of Wadena. The Funeral Mass will be held Tuesday, Nov. 4, at 11am at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Wadena with Fr. Ron Schmelzer as the celebrant. The interment will be in the Calvary Cemetery in Wadena. The pallbearers will be his grandchildren - Victoria Richter, David Richter, Jason Rice, Philip Schmidt, Brad Lorentz, Daniel

Lepper, & Jed Hess. Fabian's grandchildren and great grandchildren will serve as honorary pallbearers. Military honors will be provided by Elmer Goche Post 3922 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Wadena.