



## Francis Goeden

October 10, 1918 - April 19, 2008

Francis Joseph Goeden, age 89, of Wadena passed away on April 19, 2008 at Lakewood Hospital in Staples, Minnesota. He was born on October 10, 1918 to John P. and Frances (Erhardt) Goeden in Wadena. Francis served in the United States Army Air Corps from 1942 to 1946. He was united in marriage with Florence Rajkowski on June 3, 1947 in Mayhew Lake. He spent his entire life in the Wadena community and was a member of the Catholic Order of Foresters, Knights of Columbus, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Farm Bureau. Francis, a retired dairy farmer, was a literacy advocate and political philosopher. He enjoyed reading, gardening and photography. Francis was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Anna Marie; brother, John C. Goeden; and sister Leona Hall. He is survived by his wife, Florence; sons, Robert of Watson, James (Jane) of Wadena, Michael of Shoreline, WA, and Cary (Diana) of Wadena; daughters, Mary (Rob Lundgren) Ollie of Meridian, ID, Trish (Mark) Schrom of Moorhead, Helen (Colin Brownlow) Goeden of Apple Valley, and Nancy (Zack) Hansen of Lindstrom; and 16 grandchildren. Honorary pallbearers were Joe Goeden, Leo Goeden, Gerhardt Goeden, Bruno Ollie, and Leroy Keppers. Active pallbearers were Duncan Brownlow, Daniel Goeden, Colin Brownlow, Zachary Hansen, Mark Schrom, and Robin Lundgren. The Mass of Christian Burial was held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, April 22, 2008 at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Wadena with Father Donald Wagner as celebrant. Interment was at Calvary Cemetery in Wadena.



# Tribute Wall

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“ I was so blessed to have Francis as a volunteer in our literacy program. He was very concerned about his student and wanted to always do what was best for him. He was with the same student for many years and Francis became like a father to him. I am going to miss the visitis that we had each month when he came to the office and that wonderful smile of his.

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**Chad Hultgren** - April 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM