



Francis Kraemer

April 6, 1917 - April 21, 2008

Francis "Chops" Joseph Kraemer, age 91, of Wadena, and formerly of Brookside, passed away on Monday, April 21, 2008, at Tri-County Hospital in Wadena. He was born on April 6, 1917 to Frank and Theresa (Klein) Kraemer in Wadena. Chops served in the United States Army, Co B 1881st Eng, Aun Bn from 1942 to 1945. He was united in marriage with Margaret Ann Walz on April 25, 1949. Chops was a lifetime member of the Wadena community and you would often find him planting trees or attending high school sporting events. He was employed as a plant superintendent at Peterson-Biddick. Chops was a member of the Knights of Columbus and achieved 4th Degree Knight. Chops was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Thomas in 1995; brothers Dell and Cornelius; and sisters, Rosella Kraemer, Margaret Kohler, and Ludwina Heille. He is survived by his loving wife, Margaret; sons, Mike (Linda) of Brooklyn Park, Mark of Minneapolis, Ken (Karen) of Eden Prairie, Dave (Patricia) of Wadena, and Phil (Laurie) of Grand Forks, ND; daughter, Carol (Don) Derby; 23 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. The Mass of Christian Burial was held at 11:00 AM on Friday, April 25, 2008 at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Wadena, with Father Donald Wagner as celebrant. Interment will be at Calvary Cemetery in Wadena. Pallbearers were Chad Derby Joe Kraemer, Kelly Kraemer, Katy Kraemer, Matthew Kraemer, and Peter Kraemer.

Tribute Wall

ST

“ Carol, Please accept my sincerely sympathy in the loss of your father. No matter their age or the circumstances, it is still very difficult for a daughter to lose her father - your dad will always be your "hero!" (I know mine is!) You are in my thoughts & prayers...
Sue

Susan Thiel - April 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Phil

Sorry for loss, You are in my thoughts & prayers...

Marty

Marty Becker - April 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MV

“ Margaret & family, it is with great honor to know that Francis has changed our lives through your son and family, Phil and Laurie Kraemer. His life has changed our lives and we will remember you all in prayer. God Bless you all! Mark & Sheila Vandal & family

Mark and Sheila Vandal - April 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ so sorry to hear about your father/grandfather. Know that our prayers are with you at this time. jim said he last saw Uncle Chops last year when they visited him after a funeral in Wadena. Jim always talks about going to the farm and having a bobsled run down the hill to the creek and about the BIG farmhouse with the BIG fireplace.

again, know that we are thinking of your whole family at this time.

Love,

Jim, Heidi, Blake and Chelsea Kraemer

jim/heidi kraemer - April 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ We are so glad that we had the pleasure to visit Chops and Margaret several yrs. ago. It had been a long time since we had seen them. The visit was great. Our sincere sympathies go to Margaret and the rest of the family. May Chops rest in peace.

Robert & Barbara Koehler - April 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Chops sister Margaret is my husbands paternal grandmother. I met her and got to know her well when Jeff and I were first married more than 20 years ago.

I think we met Chops when he and his wife were visiting Alaska the first time with my husband's parents.

We all watched the video tribute to Chops. My first impression was how much he and Margaret "Grama" Koehler look alike. It was wonderful to share the tribute video with our four kids. They were able to see some of their family heritage.

To Chops' family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you. May you rest in His peace and the hope that He gives us all to be reunited with our loved ones again in eternity. We celebrate his 'home going' with you.

In His love,

Jeff, Venessa, Tabetha, Jimmy, Michael and Nathan Koehler

Jeff and Venessa Koehler & family - April 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

VC

“ It has been many years since I have seen Chops, but I recall fondly all the fun times spent over at the Kramer home...whether it was sliding down the big hill to the creek, a slumber party with Carol in the cabin or a meeting of the Busy Beavers 4H club.

May you find comfort during this difficult time in the memories of your husband, father and grandfather. We will all miss him.

Vicki (Theisen) Chesney - April 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

NK

“ Family,

If there was any way, we would have been there with you to support and be with you. Our prayers and love is with you.

As Dad(Michael) would say, "we are all connected".

Nathan Francis Kraemer - April 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM