



Fred Branstner

July 20, 1940 - February 15, 2013

(*Note the change in location of visitation and service.) Funeral services for Fred Branstner of Wadena will be held at 11:00 AM on Thursday, February 21, 2013 in the Chapel at *Fair Oaks Lodge in Wadena with Dave Seaton presiding. Friends may call one hour prior to services. Fred passed away at the age of 72 years on February 15, 2013 at the St. Cloud Hospital in St. Cloud.

Fred D. Branstner was born to Fritz and Madge (Irons) Branstner on July 20, 1940 in Bertha, MN. He grew up in the Bertha area and became a telephone lineman. He later worked as a truck driver and a house painter. For nearly 20 years, he was a resident at Fair Oaks Lodge where he often took on the task of warmly greeting everyone as they entered the front doors.

Fred was preceded in death by his parents Fritz and Madge; and siblings Harvey, Richard, Doris Greenwood, Betty Clifford, Arnold "Ray", and Opal Holman.

He is survived by his children Darrel Branstner, Carlene Johnson and Tania Branstner; along with many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Pallbearers will be Bob Branstner, Ben Branstner, Dennis Wenzel, Ronnie Branstner, Gary Branstner and Dan Nelson.

Burial will be in Oak Valley Cemetery in Hewitt, MN.

Cemetery Details

Oak Valley Cemetery

23047 County Highway 75
Hewitt, MN 56453

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Fair Oaks Lodge Chapel
201 Shady Lane Dr.
Wadena, MN 56482

Service

FEB 21. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

CD

“ I always enjoyed visiting with Fred when I came to visit family members at Fair Oaks. He always had a smile on his face and a warm greeting - will miss you - Fred.

Carol Derby - February 23, 2013 at 10:45 AM

PL

“ Pat Lorentz lit a candle in memory of Fred Branstner



Pat Lorentz - February 21, 2013 at 02:56 PM

KR

“ Kathy Richter lit a candle in memory of Fred Branstner



Kathy Richter - February 21, 2013 at 10:28 AM

AK

“ Amy Kleinke lit a candle in memory of Fred Branstner



Amy Kleinke - February 20, 2013 at 10:36 AM

GC

“ *In 1997 my mother was admitted to Fair Oaks - since that time I have been to Fair Oaks - Fred always greeted me - he was always at the door - When I arrive back in Wadena after being in Texas for the winter I will miss seeing him - Gladys Chase*

Gladys Chase - February 18, 2013 at 09:42 PM

DH

“ *Diane-Larry Hahn lit a candle in memory of Fred Branstner*



Diane-Larry Hahn - February 17, 2013 at 11:18 PM

EW

“ I used to work at the nursing home in which Fred was a resident at, and even though we weren't allowed to have "favorites," Fred was always mine. I will always remember Fred as a caring, and hilarious guy, always waving, and always caught with a smile on his face. His undying love for coffee and sweets (even though he was a diabetic) is my favorite memory of him. He'd always want me to sneak him sweets or bigger desert portions, and whenever no one was looking, I always would. He would thank me with a pat on the back and a snicker laugh knowing I was always that one person that would never say no. Over Christmas break I was able to visit my old workplace, and I was so blessed to have seen Fred, of course drinking coffee, and smiling away. I didn't wave to him at first because it had been almost three years since the last time I had seen him, I thought he probably didn't recognize who I was anymore. To my surprise, he actually waved and pointed to me with a big smile and laugh; he remembered me! That's the Fred I'll always remember, the guy who was always smiling, and pleasant to be around!

Emily Wood - February 17, 2013 at 10:38 PM

EW

“ Emily Wood lit a candle in memory of Fred
Branstner



Emily Wood - February 17, 2013 at 10:16 PM