



## Fred Burlingame

May 10, 1931 - March 29, 2009

Frederick Homer Burlingame, age 77, of Wadena passed away at his home, in Wadena, on March 29, 2009. He was born to Homer and Gladys (Schmaus) Burlingame on May 10, 1931 in Pine Point Township of Becker County, MN. Fred was raised on the North Ponsford Prairie. He attended grade school at Round Lake Country School and graduated from Park Rapids High School in 1950. He enlisted in the United States Air Force in April 1951. While in the service he was united in marriage with Diane Larson of Fertile, on April 6, 1957 in Minneapolis. He served in Japan, Germany, and Alaska. Stateside bases included Hutchinson, KS, Oseola, WI, Wadena, and Dolphin Island, AL. He retired while at Baudette in May 1971 as a T-SGT. Fred was very proud of his 20 years of military service. He attended Pipestone Vocational School for meat cutting and worked for Don's Red Owl in Wadena and then in the Moorhead and Crookston areas. IN 1977 he moved to Crookston where he was employed as a manager at the VFW Post. Fred moved back to Wadena in 1999 to be closer to his wife, Diane, whom he visited daily in the Ottertail Nursing Home. He was a very loving and caring husband and father. He loved spending time with his grandchildren, deer hunting with his son and grandsons, and teaching and passing on his meat cutting expertise to family and friends. His great love and enjoyment was attending most of the seasons events of the WDC Wolverines participating in hockey, cross-country, and track. He was a lifetime fan of the MN Twins and Golden Gopher Hockey. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and doing jigsaw puzzles. He was a lifetime member

of the Wadena VFW Post and Air Force Sergeants Association, American Legion, Knobhill Sportmans Club, and St. John Lutheran Church. Fred was preceded in death by his wife Diane in December 2002; his parents Homer and Gladys; brothers, John, Jim, and Robert; and sister, Lois. He is survived by son, Paul (Chris Ross) Burlingame of Crookston; daughter, Ann (Eldon) Immonen of Wadena; grandchildren, Angela & Rebecca Immonen and Lyle & Aaron Burlingame; brothers, George (Donna) of Stanwood, WA, Donald (Linda) of Odessa, TX, Ray (Ginny) of Hilton, NY, and Dwight (Audrey) of Indianapolis, IN; and sisters, Jean Luhman of Moorhead, Lola Christianson of Ponsford, Barbara Frazier of Detroit Lakes, and Elaine (Larry) Nelson of Albuquerque, NM Funeral services will be held at 11:00 AM on Friday, April 3, 2009 in the St. John Lutheran Church in Wadena with Pastor William Stockman officiating. Pallbearers will be Angela Eull, Rebecca Immonen, Lyle Burlingame, Aaron Burlingame, Michael Eull, Levi Kneisl, David Christianson, and Terry Burlingame. Interment will be in the Wadena Cemetery.

# Tribute Wall

HL

“ *Ann and Eldon, and family*

*So sorry for your loss. We haven't been able to talk with you yet as of this writing and we did not know your father very well but from what you have shared in the conversations we have had, he was a special man.*

*Again, so very sorry for your loss.*

*We will see you soon: We will be there.*

*Hoot and Mary Lynn*

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**Hoot and Mary Lynn** - March 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *Audrey and I send our love and support to the family. We regret very much that we will not be able to make the services on Friday. Thanks for the thoughtful obit. Love Uncle Dwight.*

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**Dwight Burlingame** - March 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I am friends with Freds Daughter Ann. I work with Ann at the hospital. I did not know Fred that well but know that he was a very loving and caring man, for he has a great daughter. I am so sorry Annie for your lose. You are a great person and the little that I did get to know your dad I know where you get your wit and your love for others. Love Terri*

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**Terri Dahlvang** - March 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Freds Family,  
I got to know Fred at the hockey games. He told me so many stories as I was taking tickets at the games!! He was very proud of his family and always had a joke to tell. He was also proud of his gold sweatshirt with the WDC on it!!  
I will miss seeing Fred at the hockey games!!  
What a great man. My prayers are with all of his family as I know he will be missed!!

Jackie Becker

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Jackie Becker - March 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LN

“ We're so sorry that we could not make the funeral but you are in our thoughts and prayers. Being that we were in the AF also, we felt a closeness even though we were apart most of time. Fred always came to see us when we were in the area. We will miss him and his dry humor when we visit again.

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LARRY AND ELAINE NELSON - March 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

WF

“ Very, very sorry for your loss; having known Fred for a long time, we know that a truly kind man will be missed greatly. Stay strong and just know that many people are thinking of you.

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Westphal Family - March 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM