



Fridolph Haataja

January 22, 1923 - May 1, 2005

Fridolph Raymond Haataja was born to his parents Lewis & Amalia (Utterstrom) Haataja on January 22, 1923 in Spruce Grove Township. He passed away on Sunday, May 1st in the St. Cloud Hospital. Fridolph attended District 59 school in Spruce Grove Township. He spent much of his early years helping on the family farm. Later on he moved to the west coast where he worked in the Kaiser Shipyard in Vancouver, WA. He drove school bus in the Menahga school system in the late 40's and early 50's. He did some trucking hauling mostly pulp wood. He also worked in Edina, Minnesota as an assembler and spent some time on the Iron Range doing construction work. He has lived in Wadena since November 1976. Fridolph was united in marriage to Norma Bjeiland in September 1943. They had one adopted daughter, Marilyn. He was then united in marriage to Laila Evelyn Hyry Bachman on July 18, 1973 in Sisseton, SD. Fridolph was preceded in death by his wife Laila; both parents; 2 brothers and 7 sisters. He is survived by his daughter Marilyn (Steven) Langmade; his sister Vivian (Vance) Bradshaw; 10 step-children Carol (Leo) Schumacher, Belinda (Scott) Peterson, Debra (Howard) Wolf, Eloise (William) Sumption, Susan (Greg) Brooke, Audrey (Waymon) Blackmon, Vickie (Ronald) Horn, Lois (Lawrence) Wiirre, Cindy (Brent) Hoag & Norman Bachman; 28 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren and his special long time nurse Rhonda Koehler. Services will be held in the Spruce Grove Apostolic Church in Wolf Lake on Friday, May 6th at 11:00 AM with Rev. Donald Salo officiating. Burial will take place in the Wolf Lake Cemetery following the services. Pallbearers will be Bill Sumption, Billy Sumption, Steve Wikman, David Wikman, Victor Ross & Paul Silbernagel.