



George Wynn

May 23, 1922 - August 4, 2011

George Charles Wynn, Sr. was born to George S. and Laura E. (Fresonke) Wynn on May 23, 1922 in Minneapolis, MN. He received his education in the Minneapolis school system. George was a radioman, 2nd class, in the United States Navy from November 6, 1942 until his honorable discharge on January 3, 1946. He served in Australia, New Guinea, the Philippine Islands and with the fleet in the southwest Pacific Theater of Operations from May 23, 1943 until December 18, 1945. George and Colette Marie Roggenkamp were married on August 6, 1946 at St. Johns the Baptist Church in Bluffton. He was employed at the Wadena Cooperative Association (1946-1952), Northern Cooperatives (1952-1953), West Central Telephone Association (1953-1954), and at Todd Wadena Electric Cooperative in 1954 until his retirement as Business Manager in 1984. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus in 1947 and served as Past Grand Knight (1962-1963) and was a life-member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars serving as Quartermaster (1974-1978). George was interested in sports, especially the Twins and Vikings (when they were winning), and music. Surrounded by his family, George passed away on August 4, 2011, at the age of 89, at his home in Wadena under the attentive care of Tri-County Hospital Hospice. George was preceded in death by his parents George S. and Laura Wynn Wehmanen; step-dad Andrew Wehmanen; two Trana grandsons; sister Rosemary Hegarty, and brother Jim. He is survived by his devoted wife Colette of Wadena; children Karen Pollock of Wadena, Mary Jane (Leo) Fiedler of Livingston, TX, Patricia (Donald) Trana

of Rice, Sandra (Gene) Baumann of Brainerd, Gerald (Terry) of St. Paul, Dennis (Nancy) of Plymouth, Michael of Tustin, CA; George, and Jeffrey both of Fargo, ND; 17 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren; sister Margaret (Anthony) Roggenkamp of Hewitt; and sister-in-law Arlene Wynn of Wadena. The Mass of Christian burial was celebrated on Tuesday, August 9, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Wadena, with Father Arlie Sowada serving as celebrant. Honorary pallbearers were all of George's grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Active pallbearers were his grandchildren Jason Pollack, Cory and Carter Wynn, Kelly Wynn, Chelsea Prescott, and Ryan Wynn. Military honors were provided the Elmer Goche Post 3922, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Wadena, MN. Burial was in St. John the Baptist Church Cemetery in Bluffton.

Tribute Wall

MK

“ As I'm waiting for news on Marion Kern's services and obituary, I see George's name appear...so, more tears of loss... hugs and prayers during this time of sorrow and sadness.. George was inspirational in my life, hiring me as an OEA student in my senior year, and then placing a resignation form in front of me as a kick in the butt to do more with my life lol! He was very good to me and to the Ray Kern family. I will treasure his memory...

Margo Kern - August 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ George, you were always so upbeat and happy and pleased to meet people. You had a long life and a wonderful family. I always thought a lot of you and told you that once or twice. I'm glad I did.I'm glad I knew you.You had such a rich tenor voice, I always knew when you were singing in church. Now you can sing in heaven. We all love you and will miss you.

Bob Roggenkamp - August 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ Sending my sympathy to the Wynn family. I will miss seeing George in church when I am home visiting. He had such an enjoyable sense of humor. (Sorry I will not be able to come to the wake or funeral.) May he rest in peace! Judy

Judy Vierkant Ament - August 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ To the dearest uncle I could have shared my birthday with. I could always expect a birthday call every year and a hug when you came to the bank. I will miss you dearly.

Judy Shaw - August 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ Dear Collette & Family,
My heart is saddened with the loss of yet another uncle; actually my last uncle. I have so many fond memories of George while growing up. I will always have a special place in my heart for him. I will keep your family in my prayers ~ Doris

Doris (Roggenkamp) Kosse - August 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ Dear Colette and family,

My sincerest condolences with the loss of your husband and father. I always liked George. He was a great boss and person. He always knew who I was when I was in Wadena and happened across him at Church or elsewhere. I'm sure he will be missed by you and the people who knew him. I will remember him in my prayers.

Kay (Young) Allo - August 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Ok, so my favorite story is... Mom brings us out to George's for the day. Me, I'm doing my usual which is about anything. My twin sister Janet and my brother Pat start collecting rocks from their driveway. Janet and Pat, and possibly Missy fill several pails full of rocks they have just picked up off of their driveway. They can't lift the dang things into the car. So they ask me to lift them into the car because they were too heavy. So like a dumb ass I did. Just then George comes out because we were leaving and sees me. He gives me all kinds of crap about taking his rocks and so does Rose, my mom. I try to expain but it is useless. So Gearge tells me he is going to charge me for the rocks. About a week later I get a bill for 12 cents. I laughed so hard I think I ...well whatever. It was funnier than heck to me. You were an awesome uncle, we will miss you.

Joe Hegarty - August 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM

VS

“ My deepest condolences to George's family. Back in 1963/64 I worked at Todd-Wadena Electric, through the Part Time Trainee Program. George was a great Boss and I learned so much from him about good work ethics. Many of the things that I learned that year from George; I used though out my life. Many years later I would see George at church and he always had a warm greeting. God bless his soul and bless his family. Virginia

Virginia (Rohr) Stuart - August 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RO

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the Wynn family. Have great memories of George. Especially when we would come out to the Wynn family place to go grouse hunting with the boys. He was always standing in the window to greet us.

Roger Olson - August 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JC

Did George Wynn gamble on sports and run adds, in the sports gambling times ? What an awesome man!! When I was in my 20s. I called him all the time for his winners ? If anyone know this was him, please let me know

john connell - January 04, 2024 at 01:12 PM