



Gerald Stave

May 27, 1932 - September 20, 2007

Gerald Ivan Stave, of Verndale, was born on May 27, 1932 to Roy and Clara (Olson) Stave in Eagle Valley Township. Jerry passed away on Thursday, September 20, at MeritCare Hospital in Fargo at age 75. Jerry served in the US Army from 1952 to 1954. On November 4, 1954, Jerry married Lorraine A. Irsfeld in Browerville. He was a member and past commander of the Wadena VFW, member of the Knights of Columbus, served on the Verndale City Council, member of the American Legion, and served on the St. Frederick's Church board. Jerry enjoyed going to all of his grandchildren's activities and sports, auction sales, watching the Twins, in the past "spearing", collecting tractors, and was especially known for his Christmas lights. Jerry owned his own plumbing business and has resided in the Verndale community for the past 38 years. Jerry is survived by his wife, Lorraine; daughters, Sharon (Bert) Wutzke of Aldrich and Patty (John) Desrocher of Verndale; son, Wayne (Sheila) of Verndale; nine grandchildren; sisters, Pearl Hoemberg of Staples, Opal (Clarence) Mertens of Staples, Ruby (Marvin) May of Bertha, DeLona Hoemberg of Bertha, and Shirley (Martin) Duis of Ruffton, IA; and brothers, Kessell (Barbra) of Deer Creek, Ronald (Sharon) of Baldwin, WI, Curtis (Beverly) of Bertha, and Darrell (Connie) of Spencer, IA. Jerry is preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Carol and an infant sister; and brother, Russel. The Mass of Christian Burial will be held Monday, September 24, at 11:00 AM at St. Frederick's Catholic Church in Verndale with Fr. Michael Kellogg celebrating the Mass. Interment will be in the St. Frederick's Catholic

Cemetery in Verndale. Honorary pallbearers will be Kessell Stave, George Irsfeld, Gene Irsfeld, Larry Irsfeld, Marvin Peterson, Nancy Thorpe, Scott Thorpe, and Patrick Vacek. Casketbearers will be Amy Desrocher, Chris Bramer, Jessica Desrocher, Eric Bramer, Melissa Stave, Matthew Desrocher, Andy Bramer, Kelly Stave, and Kory Stave. Military honors will be provided by Elmer Goche Post 3922, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Wadena.

Tribute Wall

JC

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family at this difficult time. We will always remember what a huge fan Jerry was of all his grandchildren at their sporting events and how proud he was of all of his family. We hope all of your special memories will help you find comfort in the coming days. *hugs* to all of you.

Jim & Janell Carr - September 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ We will miss Jerry stopping in at the office to ask questions and visit. We extend our deepest sympathy to Lorraine and the family. We hope that your memories of Jerry will be your support.

Jim and JoAnn White - September 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ We will always remember seeing Jerry out there mowing the field between us and their home. I would be hanging up laundry on the clothes line and we would exchange "waves" as he went by on his little tractor. Thanks for the memories, Jerry. We'll see you in heaven. Larry and Diane

Larry and Diane Hahn - September 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM