



Gordon Thompson

December 7, 1952 - August 21, 2012

The Mass of Christian Burial for Gordon L. Thompson of Staples was held at 11:00 AM on Friday, August 24, 2012 at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Staples, with Father Joseph Korf as celebrant. Gordon passed away on August 21, 2012, at the age of 59, at the National Brain Aneurysm Center in St. Paul, MN. Gordon L. Thompson was born on December 7, 1952 to George and Evelyn (Pollock) Thompson in Alexandria. He was united in marriage with Janelle Reese at St. Isidore Catholic Church in Moran Township, on June 15, 1973. They made their home in Staples for over 45 years where Gordy worked as a locomotive engineer for BNSF Railway. He had a special passion for wrestling that included a high school state championship which continued with his sons and grandsons. He thoroughly enjoyed being outdoors and spent time hunting, fishing, farming and riding his 4-wheeler. He especially loved to build and sit around a bonfire with family and friends. Gordy was a caring and giving person; he continued that in death through the gift of organ and tissue donation. Gordy was preceded in death by his parents George and Evelyn; foster parents Ralph and Agnes Rychner; and father-in-law Greg Reese, Sr. He is survived by his loving wife Janelle; children Gordy (Kelly) of Brainerd, Reggy (Amy) and Jeff (Melanie) both of Staples, and Angie (Eric) Kramer of Pillager; 15 grandchildren; and siblings Jerry (Gloria) of Zimmerman, Gary (Karen) of Manawa, WI, LeRoy of Columbia Heights, Bob (Donna) of Osakis, Marion (Andy) Johnson of Blaine, Julie Thompson of Columbia Heights, and Joyce (Scott) Svetlin of Ramsey; along with a host of

friends. Serving as pallbearers were Jerry Thompson, Gary Thompson, LeRoy Thompson, Bob Thompson, Dominic Hanson, Josh Kern, James Reese, Mike Lofgren. Burial was in St. Isidore Catholic Cemetery in Moran Township, MN.

Tribute Wall

DH

“ *Janelle and all the family,
Our thoughts are with you all at this time. God bless the beautiful
memories.*

*All our Love and Prayers~
Darcy And Dwight*

Darcy Hasson - August 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *Gordy,*

You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

John Sumlin

John Sumlin - August 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ *I am So Sorry For Your Loss !!!*

Carol (Sue Harkcom) Gosse - August 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GK

“ *We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Your family is in our thoughts
and prayers.*

Gene & Sandy Kapphahn - August 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ *Janelle So sorry to hear, you and your family are in our thoughts
and prayers.*

Melvin Etzler - August 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JI

“ To Gordy's family. I am so sorry about this loss. Gordy was such a wonderful man. When we were in high school (actually he was in high school I was in Jr. high) I really looked up to him.....not only was he a hero to me in wrestling but in life. He was a good friend to me and I have been blessed to have known him and all of you. I have prayed often for you all and would have been with with at the funeral but I am doing a funeral at the same time. God bless you all.....thank you Gordy.

Jim - August 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ GORDY AND I KNEW EACH OTHER THROUGH OUR JOBS ON THE BNSF RAIL ROAD.
IT WAS MY GOOD FORTUNE TO KNOW HIM, WORK WITH HIM, AND CALL HIM A FRIEND.
HE HAD SUCH A GREAT ATTITUDE ABOUT WORK, AND LIFE IN GENERAL.
I'M SURE I WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER HIM, AND HIS GREAT PERSONALITY.

JAMES KONDELIS - August 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ I had the privilege of knowing Gordy his entire career with Burlington Northern & one of the things that impressed me most was that Gordy took an entire week of vacation to take me bow hunting in MN and how proud he was of his sons of how polite and soft spoken they were. He raised good men. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and he will be missed.

Mike Stamness - August 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BJ

“ *Our sincere condolences. Gordy will be missed by all who knew him. It was our privilege to have known him. Bob & Ellie*

Bob & Ellie Hauser Jr - August 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM