



Gordon Zeise

November 26, 1927 - May 1, 2011

Gordon Chester Zeise was born to Fred William and Olive Bertha (Vick) Zeise on November 26, 1927 in Deer Creek Township, MN. Gordon served in the United States Army from March 21, 1946 until his honorable discharge at Fort Lawton, WA, on September 15, 1947. He and Gwenellyn Romaine Hatling were united in marriage on October 9, 1949 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Dalton. He was a dedicated dairy farmer until his retirement in 1985. He was a charter member of the Deer Creek Lion's Club, a Deer Creek School Board member for many years, and active with the American Legion, and Deer Creek Rod & Gun Club. His hobbies and interests included hunting, fishing, wildlife preservation, tree planting & reforestation, and spending time with his family. Gordon died on May 1, 2011, at the age of 83, in St. Cloud. He was preceded in death by his parents Fred and Olive; and brothers Bernard, Herbert, and Harold. He is survived by his loving wife Gwen of Deer Creek; son Paul Zeise of Bluffton; daughters Becky (Kim) Lovgren of Buchanan, ND, Kathy (Ron) Johnson of Hollister, CA, and Bonnie (Scott) Brown of Cloquet; six grandchildren Monica Lovgren Dragt, Brian Lovgren, Keven Johnson, Julia Zeise, Christopher and Gwenellyn Brown, & eight great-grandchildren; brother Gerald Zeise of Deer Creek; and sisters Lucile Winter of Fresno, CA, Mabel Zeise of Battle Lake, Eunice Waskosky, and Dorothy Waskosky both of Henning; many nieces & nephews; and all of his hunting & fishing friends. Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. on May 5, 2011, in the Salem United Methodist Church in Deer Creek with Pastor Mark Bateson officiating. Military

honors were provided by the Edward Carlson Post 283, American Legion, Deer Creek, MN. Pallbearers were Gordon's sons-in-law Kim Lovgren, Ron Johnson, Scott Brown, and his friends Tom Brauch, Doug Stave, and Randy Stave. Burial was in Oak Hill Cemetery in Deer Creek.

Tribute Wall

JB

“ Thank you for making my childhood years fun. Thanks for always singing to us. There was always laughter when Uncle Gordon was around. Picking rock, bailing hay or just "being at Grandmas". I know I am a better person for knowing him. Will miss your "big personality".

June (Zeise) Braith - May 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ I wish to express my sorrow for your loss and may God be with you.

Barbara (Meech) Dean - May 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Bonnie,
Will be keeping you in my prayers and heart. Take care. Syl

May 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ Where do I begin :) I have so enjoyed my time getting to know Gordon, just thinking about him makes me smile. He has such a way with people. I felt instantly at home and at ease when I very first met him and his family. Over the last year or so I have looked forward to my every two week visit and the joy Gordon shared with everyone. I will miss him so much but I do have some very special memories to carry with me. Thank you Godon !!

Denise Dobozenski - May 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ I always enjoyed being around Gordon. He and the family were always together having fun. I'm sorry we were unable to see him when we visited Wadena last year. My condolences to the whole family.

Lynda

Lynda Cook - May 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ Dear Kathy, We are sorry about your loss and will keep you and your family in our thoughts and prayers. Please let us know if we can help your family in any way.

Your YMCA Family

Rochelle Callis - May 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JI

“ My deepest sympathies to the whole family

Jim - May 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ Dear Kathy and family,

To God be the Glory for the rich life of your Dad. I will be praying for blessings of comfort and a sweet peace with the knowledge that you will be with him again.

Lovingly,
BSue

BSue Goodwin - May 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“ Gordon's optimism and stories about deer hunting are memorable to me as are the many card games we played at night during hunting season.

He did an amazing job of planning and coordinating the hunt to allow opportunities for all of us.

Thanks for the memories, Gordon!

Larry & Sharon Johnson - May 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ We are so sorry for your loss and for the sorrow the family is feeling. We pray that fond memories of good times will soon help ease the pain of your loss. Gordon will always be with you through the memories that you have of him.

Sue & Jim Matthiesen

Susan L. Matthiesen - May 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BE

“ I remember Gordon being over at Grandpa Earl's place too many times to count. He would tease all of us kids and sometimes he would sing to us. I also had the pleasure to really get to know Gwen when I worked with her at Super Valu. Simmply said, Gordon was a great man. I will miss seeing him and hearing his voice giving me grief.

Brenda (Walz) Erickson - May 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ I will always have very fond memories of Gordon which were created during my lifelong friendship with Bonnie. Seeing as our dads were friend and card playing buddies, it only seemed natural that Bonnie and I developed this same close relationship. My heart goes out to you Bonnie. I know of the difficult time you are going through right now. Charish those memories and never let anything, not even time, erase them from your heart.

Jeanine Wendorf - May 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GW

“ Uncle Gordon is now in heaven spreading his humor to all that will listen. We loved his sense of humor. It was fun listening to his stories. I (Linda) didn't always realize when it was "fact or fiction", of course, Gary caught on. Fun memories. You have our sympathy and our prayers.

Gary & Linda Waskosky - May 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ Sorry to hear about the loss of Gordon. He will be greatly missed by all!

Troy & Cyndie Manselle - May 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GE

“ Dean had alot in common with Gordon and they were good friends. They shared alot of good times and the stories they told were fun to listen to. They always had to laugh at their stories and it was always a good visit when the stories came out. We will both miss him terribly but all of his family are in our prayers in this time of sorrow. Can you imagine all the stories being told and the card games going on in heaven now, thats a Dean comment.Love to all. Dean and Gwen Eckhoff

Gwen L. Eckhoff - May 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ Thoughts and Prayers are with your family throughout this sorrowful time.

Amy McCarthy - May 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ My love to you and your family during this time.... While he is gone from your sight, he will never be gone from your heart. Heaven has one more angel. Thinking of you and your family and sending love, hugs and lots of happy memories. Jackie

Jackie Dolentz - May 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NW

“ Becky and family-where do I begin,Gordon and Dad were such good friends for so long-farming,Rod & Gun Club mtgs.the trips to Canada for fishing,the early morning card games in Deer Creek.Gordon was so very good for my dad and dad really loved his friendship-the visits Dad had from Gordon before he died in 2006 were so very special to dad-both men were hard workers-can't forget the many auction sales they went to-We lost a good man Becky-hang on to the memories-The "Big Swede" will be welcoming him into Heaven with open arms and I'm sure a card game will be going on.

Nancy (Swanson) Walz - May 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“ I remember many, many years ago at least 30, going to meet Kathy's parents in Deer Creek. Thinking to myself "Where is this Deer Creek I hear so much about?" Glen and I went there, with Ron and Kathy, for Deer Creek Days. I remember meeting Gordon. He looked and acted just like my Uncle Edward. I remember thinking he looks just like a big Teddy Bear that would give out great "Bear Hugs." He had an aura around him that was very welcoming. It was one of the best times Glen and I had. Anyone that had the chance to meet him was blessed.

Laura Johnson - May 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ Bonnie's father was a giant in her life and in her heart. She had great love for him and her mother. I am sure Bonnie's heart is broken.

Bonnie - i wish you well and blessings on all your family.

Love Donna Van Kessel

Donna Van Kessel - May 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ To the Zeise Family, We sere sorry to hear about your father/ grandfather/ husband's passing. We did not know him , but we can tell from our relationship with Bonnie that he must have been a fun, hard working individual. Dairy Farmers are the salt of the earth. They are up at the crack of dawn and tied (by choice) to their beloved herd. It sounds like he had a rich, adventurous life and know those memories will help you through the dark days of your loss. Sincerely, The McCall Family-Ron, Laura, Sarah, Sam, David and Daniel

Ron and Laura McCall - May 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GJ

“ I will miss Gordon's hearty laugh while telling many humorous stories of his adventures. He was always very appreciative when anything was done for him. The best deer hunting adage I remember him telling me was "The deer are so thick here that when one runs into a field, two have to come out."
While the deer on Earth may be relieved he is gone, the one's in heaven better watch out!

Glen Johnson - May 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PA

“ To the Family of Gordon,

Kathy & Ron please pass on our sincere condolences to your mom and family. You all have been in our prayers daily. I just wanted to say I had a blast meeting Gordon when Kathy brought me to Deer Creek. He was an awesome card player - he even showed me a thing or too. And, I so enjoyed seeing all his land and all his deer stands, etc. I am glad I have those memories of him. I will miss him.

Patty - May 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ This earth was left with much more beauty and blessings because of Gordon. Not only did he love his family so, but also Mother earth.

He will live on not only in his beautiful family's memories and hearts, but also in each spot on God's beautiful earth he spent loving and tending to with care.

Our love and prayers to the whole Zeise family.

Michael and Christine Rose

Christine Rose - May 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM