



Guy Erckenbrack

August 22, 1936 - August 15, 2012

The funeral service for Guy Erckenbrack of Bluffton will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 21, at the Johnson Memorial Home Chapel in Wadena. Guy passed away on August 15, 2012, at the age of 76, at the St. Cloud Hospital. Guy "Sonny" Monroe Erckenbrack was born on August 22, 1937 to Guy Monroe and Sophia (Von Engel) Erckenbrack in Wadena, MN. He attended the Wadena Public Schools. Guy served his country honorably in the 82nd Airborne. He and Mary Ann Peavey were united in marriage on May 23, 1959 in Wadena. Our community will remember him as the business owner of the Uptown Café in Wadena, which he and Mary Ann had purchased from her father Joe. They operated the Café for 21 years until their retirement in 1996. Guy filled his free hours with fishing, hunting, riding his 4-wheeler & motorcycle, snowmobiling, and RV-ing. Spending time with his grandchildren brought him great joy, along with the afternoon rides to see what was happening in town or the countryside. He was a member of Duck's Unlimited, Elks Club and Lions Club in Wadena. Guy was preceded in death by his wife Mary Ann on February 7, 2001; his parents Guy and Sophia; brothers Robert, Wallace, Vernon, Clyde, Victor, Harvey, Donald and Cleon; and sisters Luella and Gladys. He is survived by his children Paula (Jim) Peterson of Braham, Thomas (Tara) Erckenbrack of Verndale and Mary Malone of Wadena; nine grandchildren; sisters Ellen Schorsch of Hampshire, IL, Shirley Savaloja of Deerwood, and Lois Shaleen of Vermillion; special friend Judy Taggart; and many nieces & nephews. Honorary pallbearer was Ronnie Erckenbrack.

Serving as pallbearers were Josh Winters, Matt Winters, Brad Erckenbrack, Christian Siedschlaw, Jeff Busse, and Mike Ahlers. Military honors were provided by the Elmer Goche Post 3922, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Wadena, MN.

Tribute Wall

JH

“ *My deepest sympathy to the family of Guy; he always had a smile when I saw him. He was a very special person.*

jane hieb - August 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PP

“ *LOVE YOU DAD I will miss you always .*

paula peterson - August 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ *Paula, Mary and Tom,
The last time I saw your Dad was at my Moms 80th birthday party in June. I will never forget the HUGE smile on his face as he and my brother Chuck pulled up at the party in a red Mustang Convertible! He absolutely loved it!!!
As we were visiting, he looked at me and said "Did anyone ever tell you, you look just like your mother?" and started laughing. I am so thankful I was able to spend time with him before he passed. My prayers are with you and yours. Love, Carolyn*

Carolyn Shaleen - August 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *He will be missed by family and friends, I called his dear friend Terry Cooney of trapper creek Alaska. He sends his condolences. We will remember him in our prayers. The Cooney family*

Joan g cooney - August 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ To Guys's family, we extend our heartfelt sympanthy. We had the nicest visit with Guy when we went to Henning to see him not long ago. We have so many memories of the fun things we did together...We are going to miss our friend.

Myron & Karen Winkelman - August 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PJ

“ I have always thought a lot of my "Uncle Sonny". I will very greatly miss him.
I am Clydes' daughter and am filled with great sadness and flooded with precious memories of our Erkenbrack family past and present.
God bless you all.
Pat

Pat Erkenbrack Johnson - August 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time of their loss.

Pat & Steve Hendrickson - August 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Guy was a man of many talents. He managed a successful business for almost 30 years. He shared his love of outdoor sports with Mary, his children and all who enjoyed the same. He was good company over coffee. He enjoyed good food. Snowmobile trips, motorcycle excursions, fishing, hunting as well as watching TV, feeding the birds, raising apples, trying to outsmart the squirrels in his yard..well, you get the idea. I am sorry he is gone but happy he is in a better place-at peace and without pain.

Joyce Bock - August 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ *I love you uncle Guy. You will dearly be missed by many. I have many hunting and fishing memories and time spent in the outdoors with you in my younger years. Love Dave*

David Erckenbrack - August 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM