



## Horst Witt

October 20, 1921 - October 29, 2012

The funeral service for Horst F. Witt, a resident of the Elders Home in New York Mills and formerly of the Wadena & Sebeka area, will be held at 11:00 AM on Friday, November 2, 2012 at the Bethany Lutheran Church in Bluegrass, with Pastor Adam Osier officiating. Friends may call at the Johnson-Schuller Chapel in Wadena on Thursday from 5:00 until 7:00 PM and at the church on Friday from 9:30 AM until the time of service. At the age of 91, Horst passed away on October 29, 2012, at 1:25 AM at the Elders home in New York Mills, MN.

Horst Frederick Witt was born on October 20, 1921 in Berlin, Germany. He came to this country as a small child September 23, 1923, and settled in Valley City, ND. He married Mabel Fern Pelzman on October 19, 1948 and later bought a farm outside of Sebeka, where he raised milk cows and beef cattle. In addition to farming, Horst was a part-time mail carrier in North Dakota and did custom field chopping around the neighborhood in Minnesota. Horst and Mabel had a large number of friends and their farmhouse was a favorite gathering place for both relatives and friends.

Horst is predeceased by his father, Gustav W. Witt in June 1969, his mother, Ida A. Witt in September 1985, and his dearly beloved sister, Margaret (Witt) Whitcomb in January 1948. He leaves behind his wife Mabel at the Elders Home in New York Mills; two nieces, Janice L. (Whitcomb) Senzig of Hope, NJ

and Elaine (Whitcomb) Gearl of Effort, PA, their spouses; three great-nephews & two great-great-nieces; and three great-great-nephews. He is also survived by his extended family sisters-in-law Dorothy Frank and Rose (Cliff) Gronlund; brother-in-law Rudy (Margaret) Pelzman; sister-in-law Marie Pelzman; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Honorary pallbearer is Ejvin Mikkelson. Serving as pallbearers are Jim Bounds, Merle Bounds, Russ Erickson, John Keranen, Bill Zondlo and Ted Nolte.

Burial will be in Wadena Cemetery, Wadena, MN.

# Cemetery Details

## Wadena Cemetery

Franklin Drive & 5th St. SW  
Wadena, MN 56482

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 1. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Johnson-Schuller Chapel  
205 4th Street Southwest  
Wadena, MN 56482  
(218) 631-3632

## Visitation

NOV 2. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Bethany Free Lutheran Church (Bluegrass)  
21987 County Road 23  
Sebeka, MN 56477

## Service

NOV 2. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Bethany Free Lutheran Church (Bluegrass)  
21987 County Road 23  
Sebeka, MN 56477



# Tribute Wall

AC

“ Allison Carroll lit a candle in memory of Horst Witt



Allison Carroll - November 12, 2012 at 07:17 PM

CR

“ Christine Roberts lit a candle in memory of Horst Witt



Christine Roberts - November 01, 2012 at 09:06 PM

CR

I am Paula Roberts (Duffy) daughter

Christine Roberts - November 01, 2012 at 09:07 PM

PP

“ Pam Pelzman lit a candle in memory of Horst Witt



Pam Pelzman - November 01, 2012 at 08:16 PM

BD

“ *Bob And Phyllis Duffy lit a candle in memory of Horst Witt*



Bob And Phyllis Duffy - November 01, 2012 at 07:52 PM

EW

“ *I will truely miss him. All the years we visited and the stories he would tell of my mother and then me when I was just an infant in No. Dakota.*



Elaine Whitcomb-Gearl - November 01, 2012 at 07:51 PM

KD

“ *Karen Dawson lit a candle in memory of Horst Witt*



Karen Dawson - November 01, 2012 at 05:44 PM

KD

*I loved going to Minnesota to the farm when we were kids. I remember the old farm house and Horst and Mabel getting up really early and the breakfast was fabulous! One of my favorite memories was riding with my Dad and Uncle H to deliver milk to the dairy. I felt so special! See you again one day Uncle Horry!!*

Karen Dawson - November 01, 2012 at 05:48 PM

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“ *Paula Roberts (Duffy) lit a candle in memory of Horst Witt*



Paula Roberts (Duffy) - November 01, 2012 at 12:30 PM

GT

“ *I have great childhood memories of summer days on the farm with Horst and Mabel. Seems like yesterday and not 40 plus years ago.*

*Gail Whitcomb Tomlin*

Gail Whitcomb Tomlin - November 01, 2012 at 11:55 AM

GT

“ *Gail Whitcomb Tomlin lit a candle in memory of Horst Witt*



Gail Whitcomb Tomlin - November 01, 2012 at 11:49 AM



“ *Nelson Whitcomb lit a candle in memory of Horst Witt*



Nelson Whitcomb - November 01, 2012 at 11:35 AM

AM

“ I was only able to visit with Horst a couple of times over the years but my grandfather Ejvin always had memories about him he would share. Grandpa will deeply miss his old buddy. I know it won't feel the same not hearing grandpa say he just talked to Horst on the phone.



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**Anthony Mikkelsen** - October 31, 2012 at 01:15 AM