



## Isadore "Nibs" Lorentz

March 3, 1933 - May 28, 2016

The Mass of Christian Burial for Isadore "Nibs" Lorentz, of Wadena, will be held at 10:30 AM on Wednesday, June 1, 2016, at St. John The Baptist Catholic Church in Bluffton with Fr. Aaron Kuhn as celebrant. Friends may call at the St. Ann's Parish Hall in Wadena on Tuesday from 5:00 until 8:00 PM. There will be Parish Prayers at 6:00 PM and Rosary service at 7:00 PM on Tuesday night. Visitation will continue on Wednesday at the church in Bluffton from 9:00 am until the time of mass. Nibs passed away at the age of 83 years on Saturday, May 28, 2016 at the Veteran's Home in Fergus Falls.

Isadore Aloysius "Nibs" Lorentz was born on March 3, 1933 in Wadena, MN to Joseph P. and Ann (Hopp) Lorentz. He graduated as a member of the class of '51 from Wadena High School. After graduation, he worked on the family farm until April 14, 1954, when he entered the US Army. He was honorably discharged on April 13, 1956, and returned to Wadena where he began working for Keppers and Kern.

Nibs was united in marriage with Bernice Evelyn Ellingworth on February 4, 1957 at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Wadena. In 1978, he left Keppers and Kern and opened Nibs' Welding and Repair, retiring in 1994. He was a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church, St. Joseph Society, Knights of Columbus, and the Wadena Elks Lodge.

Nibs was a story teller and he loved to share jokes and poetry with whomever was near. He enjoyed classic country music and western films. He and Bernice enjoyed dancing so much that they became waltz and polka instructors. He loved his country and wore his patriotism with pride. More than anything else, he loved his family and enjoyed the time spent fishing and playing cards at the cabin on Big Pine Lake.

A special thank you goes to those who cared for and loved him while residing at Fair Oaks Lodge - Wadena and to the doctors, nurses and staff of the MN Veterans Home - Fergus Falls for the wonderful care given to Nibs and for making it possible for him to be with his family and make new friends over the last year and a half.

Nibs was preceded in death by his loving wife of over 57 years, Bernice, on March 4, 2014; parents Joseph and Ann; brothers Mike, Benny, Jerome, Ralph, and Mark; sisters Leona Hallauer, Phyllis Winger, Joanne Lorentz, Isabelle Kresky and Irene Johnson; and daughter-in-law Yvonne.

He is survived by his sons Gary of Duluth, Kevin (Ginger) of Brainerd, Jeff (Barb) of Wadena, Bill (Jessica) of Watkins, and Kelly of Sauk Rapids; daughters Terri (Pat) Czech of St. Stephen, Tammy Ness of Sauk Rapids, and Kim (Steve) Schmitz of Wadena; 18 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren; brother Frank (Leona) of Bluffton; sisters Janet (Ronald) Wright of Bluffton and Ruthann Theriault of Texas; and many nieces and nephews.

Honorary pallbearers are Nibs' granddaughters. Pallbearers are his grandsons Isaac Lorentz, Brandon Lorentz, McKay Ness, Alexander Lorentz, Finn Lorentz, Brandon Theisen, Sean Blaisdell, Justin Wippler, and Brian Dahl.

Military Honors are provided by the Elmer Goche, VFW Post 3922 Honor Guard of Wadena.

Burial is in the Leaf River Cemetery in Wadena.

# Cemetery Details

## Leaf River Cemetery

12195 170th Street  
Wadena, MN 56482

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 31. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

St. Ann's Parish Hall  
514 2nd St. SE  
Wadena, MN 56482

## Visitation

JUN 1. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church  
310 Main St.  
Bluffton, MN 56518

## Service

JUN 1. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church  
310 Main St.  
Bluffton, MN 56518



# Tribute Wall



“ *Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Isadore "Nibs" Lorentz*



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**Schuller Family Funeral Homes** - May 31, 2016 at 02:39 PM

JG

“ *Jim & Barb Gorghuber lit a candle in memory of Isadore "Nibs" Lorentz*



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**Jim & Barb Gorghuber** - June 24, 2016 at 02:54 PM

KM

“ *Karen Malone lit a candle in memory of Isadore "Nibs" Lorentz*



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**Karen Malone** - June 02, 2016 at 12:58 PM

JP

“ Jackie And Jay Perius lit a candle in memory of Isadore "Nibs" Lorentz



Jackie and Jay Perius - June 02, 2016 at 12:15 PM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Isadore "Nibs" Lorentz.



June 01, 2016 at 09:04 AM

DM

“ We went recently to Fergus Falls Vets Home to see our friend and who do we see but Nibs. We sat beside each other and he even did some karaoke that day. It was an enjoyable day and I was so glad that I recognized him and spent a little time visiting. What a guy! He will be missed.

Donna Mayo-Fearing - June 01, 2016 at 08:53 AM

DS

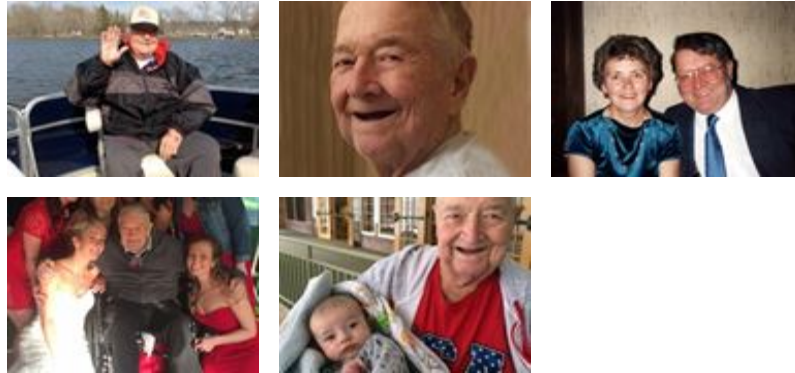
“ Dan And Deb Sweere lit a candle in memory of Isadore "Nibs" Lorentz



Dan and Deb Sweere - May 31, 2016 at 02:55 PM



“ 47 files added to the album Life Tributes



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - May 31, 2016 at 10:45 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Isadore "Nibs" Lorentz.



May 31, 2016 at 10:37 AM



“ Tammie Klawitter lit a candle in memory of Isadore "Nibs" Lorentz



Tammie Klawitter - May 31, 2016 at 10:03 AM

KF

“ *Keppers Family lit a candle in memory of Isadore "Nibs" Lorentz*



Keppers Family - May 31, 2016 at 06:47 AM



“ *Jim Young lit a candle in memory of Isadore "Nibs" Lorentz*



Jim Young - May 30, 2016 at 10:24 PM

VT

“ *Vickie Thompson lit a candle in memory of Isadore "Nibs" Lorentz*



vickie Thompson - May 30, 2016 at 10:13 PM

VT

*So sorry to hear of Nibs. We always loved laughing with him!*

vickie Thompson - May 30, 2016 at 10:14 PM

JB

“ Jack And Lucille Belch lit a candle in memory of Isadore "Nibs" Lorentz



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Jack and Lucille Belch - May 30, 2016 at 09:19 PM

PL

“ Pat Lorentz lit a candle in memory of Isadore "Nibs" Lorentz



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Pat Lorentz - May 30, 2016 at 06:57 PM

VB

“ It has been years since I have seen Nibs but I remember as a kid going to Keppers and Kern and Nibs would always entertain us with a song. He always had a smile on his face. Rest in peace Nibs. You will definitely be missed!  
Vivian Brahmer

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Vivian Brahmer - May 30, 2016 at 06:22 PM

MW

“ Myron & Karen Winkelman lit a candle in memory of Isadore "Nibs" Lorentz



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Myron & Karen Winkelman - May 30, 2016 at 03:08 PM

IB

“ Irene And Jerry Baron lit a candle in memory of Isadore "Nibs" Lorentz



Irene and Jerry Baron - May 30, 2016 at 02:51 PM

DH

“ Darrell & Peggy Haman lit a candle in memory of Isadore "Nibs" Lorentz



Darrell & Peggy Haman - May 30, 2016 at 02:42 PM

Jessica  
Keddy

“ Jessica Keddy lit a candle in memory of Isadore "Nibs" Lorentz



Jessica Keddy - May 30, 2016 at 12:04 PM

MB

“ Marianne Beckman lit a candle in memory of Isadore "Nibs" Lorentz



Marianne Beckman - May 30, 2016 at 11:43 AM

DA

“ I got to hear Nibs' stories for many decades, most recently when we'd visit at FOL. God bless your memories of this good fun loving man.

Di Schiller Anderson - May 30, 2016 at 11:11 AM

RJ

“ I sure missed Nibs after he left Fair Oaks Lodge. He could always put a smile on everyone's face when he came in for Mass on Fridays. His ability to recite his jokes and poems always amazed me. Rest in peace good friend.

Rose Johnson - May 30, 2016 at 09:37 AM

HF

“ Hologic and the Fowler's purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Isadore "Nibs" Lorentz.



Hologic and the Fowler's - May 30, 2016 at 09:04 AM

JG

“ James & JO ANN GUSTAFSON lit a candle in memory of Isadore "Nibs" Lorentz



james & JO ANN GUSTAFSON - May 30, 2016 at 07:35 AM

ME

“ Margaret & Peter Van Erp lit a candle in memory of Isadore "Nibs" Lorentz



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**Margaret & Peter Van Erp** - May 30, 2016 at 12:14 AM

JG

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to Nibs family and friends. Barb and Jim Gorghuber



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**Jim Gorghuber** - May 29, 2016 at 11:13 PM

MR

“ Michelle Rousslang lit a candle in memory of Isadore "Nibs" Lorentz



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**Michelle Rousslang** - May 29, 2016 at 11:11 PM

MR

“ Michelle Rousslang lit a candle in memory of Isadore "Nibs" Lorentz



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**Michelle Rousslang** - May 29, 2016 at 11:11 PM

DA

“ I enjoyed many visits with Nibs over many years, most recently at FOL. God bless our memories & may he live on in the many stories shared❤️



Di Schillet Anderson - May 29, 2016 at 10:21 PM

DS

“ Have way to many memories to share, but you all have heard them many times. Love all of you. Don and Dee

Dee Schwartz - May 29, 2016 at 09:25 PM

AK

“ Arlys Kimes lit a candle in memory of Isadore "Nibs" Lorentz



Arlys Kimes - May 29, 2016 at 06:29 PM

AK

RIP Uncle Nibs

Arlys Kimes - May 29, 2016 at 06:30 PM

BS

“ Bruce & Trish Steinkopf lit a candle in memory of Isadore "Nibs" Lorentz



Bruce & Trish Steinkopf - May 29, 2016 at 04:12 PM

SN

“ *What a wonderful friend and neighbor. Always a hoot!*

sharon & jim neuerburg - May 29, 2016 at 12:01 PM

EN

“ *Eric, Rhonda, Amara, And Blake Neuerburg lit a candle in memory of Isadore "Nibs" Lorentz*



Eric, Rhonda, Amara, and Blake Neuerburg - May 29, 2016 at 10:29 AM

JB

“ *Jan Breuer lit a candle in memory of Isadore "Nibs" Lorentz*



jan breuer - May 29, 2016 at 10:06 AM

AN

“ *I did not have the pleasure of knowing Nibs personally, however I do know that he and his wife raised a beautiful family and he will be greatly missed. Sending love and strength.*

*Angie Mehr*

Angie - May 29, 2016 at 09:34 AM

JD

“ Jerry/Janice Denny lit a candle in memory of Isadore "Nibs" Lorentz



Jerry/Janice Denny - May 29, 2016 at 09:14 AM

MF

“ Marie Fraune lit a candle in memory of Isadore "Nibs" Lorentz



Marie Fraune - May 29, 2016 at 07:43 AM

PO

“ PollyAnderson lit a candle in memory of Isadore "Nibs" Lorentz



PollyAnderson - May 29, 2016 at 04:28 AM

PO

*Nibs was an awesome man to be around full of fun loving jokes glad to be a part of his life*

PollyAnderson - May 29, 2016 at 04:29 AM

LH

“ *Leo Haisman lit a candle in memory of Isadore "Nibs" Lorentz*



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**Leo Haisman** - May 28, 2016 at 09:48 PM

DS

“ *Dave Schumacher lit a candle in memory of Isadore "Nibs" Lorentz*



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**Dave Schumacher** - May 28, 2016 at 09:42 PM

TK

“ *Nibs was my neighbor and closest friend through high school and beyond.*

*Nibs and I stayed home to help our folks on our farms after graduation in 1951 until we both entered the US Army in April of 1954.*

*Anthony Kuefler*

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**Tony Kuefler** - May 28, 2016 at 09:26 PM

MK

“ Nibs always kidded me about being related to him. (My Grandma was a Lorentz.) My mom is his cousin, I always kidded back and said that had nothing to do with me! Sure had fun visiting with him when I worked at the clinic and seeing him at auction sales. He was a very personable fella!  
Sincerely, Mavis (and Rich) Kendall



Mavis Kendall - May 28, 2016 at 08:34 PM

EF

“ Esther And Alan Freitag lit a candle in memory of Isadore "Nibs" Lorentz



Esther and Alan Freitag - May 28, 2016 at 08:19 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Isadore "Nibs" Lorentz.



May 28, 2016 at 08:08 PM

KG

“ Kayla Giese lit a candle in memory of Isadore "Nibs" Lorentz



Kayla Giese - May 28, 2016 at 07:29 PM

PW

“ Nibs oh all those jokes & stories always amazed me! What a memory!! You (& your family) will always be our "second" family! You made us feel welcomed from the moment we met you! Until we meet again...may God hold you in the palm of His hand. Love you long time Nibby!!



Pam & Don Wostrel - May 28, 2016 at 07:10 PM

BB

“ Bruce And Barb Brown lit a candle in memory of Isadore "Nibs" Lorentz



Bruce and Barb Brown - May 28, 2016 at 06:49 PM

GD

“ George&Julie Deiss lit a candle in memory of Isadore "Nibs" Lorentz



George&Julie Deiss - May 28, 2016 at 06:27 PM

RL

“ He will be missed. Take care.  
Steve and Rose

rose lorentz - May 28, 2016 at 03:59 PM