



## Jerry Kalina

February 14, 1924 - October 23, 2016

The funeral service for Jerry Charles Kalina of Wadena will be held at 3:00 PM on Friday, October 28, 2016, at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Wadena with Pastor Megan Clapp presiding. Visitation will be held on Thursday at the Johnson-Schuller Chapel in Wadena from 5:00 until 8:00 PM and will resume at the church on Friday from 1:30 PM until the time of service. Surrounded by his loving family, Jerry passed away peacefully on October 23, 2016 at the age of 92, at his assisted living home in Perham, MN., under the care of Red River Valley Hospice.

Jerry Charles Kalina was born February 14, 1924 to Charley and Marie (Kubin) Kalina in Lake Mary Township, rural Lowry, MN. He was our Valentine's Sweetheart!

As a young boy, Jerry attended country school where he met his future wife, Vi. He left the farm life and moved to Chicago, Illinois where he worked at his sister's Grocery Store/Meat Market.

He was drafted into the army where he served in Europe during WWII with the 102nd Infantry Division. After being honorably discharged, he returned home and began a job as a manager for the National Tea grocery chain in Glenwood, MN. He married his country school sweetheart, Viola Star, on June 20th 1950. They moved to Ironwood (MI), Brainerd, & Aitkin opening new

grocery stores. In 1954, they settled in Wadena where they lived together for 61 years raising a family of 6 children.

Jerry started a new career as a Prudential Insurance Agent in 1957. He was a hard-working, honest and gentle man. After 30 years, he retired so he could spend more time with his family, grandchildren, and friends. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, being at the lake, camping, traveling, and volunteering.

Jerry was active as a color guard and commander with the VFW Post #3922, Wadena Lions Club president and recipient of the Melvin Jones Fellow Award, member of Wadena Elks Lodge #2386, and a faithful member of Immanuel Lutheran Church.

He will be deeply missed by his 6 children and their spouses, 18 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren: Terry & Tami Kalina and family of Perham; Kristy & Bryce Hoime and family of Edmore, ND; Cindy & Dean Uselman and family of Wadena; Bob & Shirley Kalina and family of Perham; Mark & Sharon Kalina and family of Perham ; Todd & Heidi Kalina and family of Perham. One brother: Franklin (Pat) Kalina of Albertville, MN and family.

Jerry was preceded in death by: his loving wife of 61 years, Viola; his parents: Charley and Marie; his brothers: Ed Kalina and Richard Kalina; and his sisters: Albina Vesely and Bessie Foner.

Honorary pallbearers will be Jerry's granddaughters, and serving as active pallbearers will be Jerry's grandsons.

Burial will be next to his wife in Wadena Cemetery, Wadena, MN.

# Cemetery Details

## Wadena Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 27. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

## Visitation

OCT 28. 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Immanuel Lutheran Church - Wadena  
403 2nd St. SE  
Wadena, MN 56482

## Service

OCT 28. 3:00 PM (CT)

Immanuel Lutheran Church - Wadena  
403 2nd St. SE  
Wadena, MN 56482



# Tribute Wall



“ *Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Jerry Kalina*



**Schuller Family Funeral Homes** - October 26, 2016 at 07:35 PM

LW

*Our sympathy to you and your family, Cindy! God bless your memories of your dad.*

*Dave and Lynda Wosmek*

**Lynda Wosmek** - October 27, 2016 at 11:28 PM

SP

“ *It was always great to babysit Jerry and Vi's kids. They were good kids. Jerry & Vi didn't care which one of the Brust girls could baby sit their kids. We all enjoyed their kids and really loved Jerry & Vi.*

*Sandi 'Brust' Pratt*

**Sandi Pratt** - November 15, 2016 at 12:32 AM

BP

“ *Barry & Sandi Pratt lit a candle in memory of Jerry Kalina*



**Barry & Sandi Pratt** - November 15, 2016 at 12:29 AM

JG

“ James And Barb Gorghuber lit a candle in memory of Jerry Kalina



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**James and Barb Gorghuber** - November 14, 2016 at 02:35 PM

DJ

“ As I grew up in a family that had good neighbors like Jerry and Vi, we will always count that time as a blessing.  
Doug Johnson (son of Wes and Margaret Johnson of Wadena)

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**Doug Johnson** - November 08, 2016 at 08:31 AM

DM

“ Dear Cindy & Family of Jerry,  
I will remember a very kind, considerate patient @ WMC who always had a big smile for everyone. May you find comfort in God's care and hope in the Resurrection.  
My sincere sympathy to you all.  
Donna Moenck (retired nurse)

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**Donna Moenck** - October 28, 2016 at 10:03 PM

MW

“ To all the Kalinas so sorry for your loss. It is comforting to know he is back with his childhood sweetheart. Prayers and hugs to all of you.

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**Marykay Wohlert** - October 28, 2016 at 09:05 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Jerry Kalina.*



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October 28, 2016 at 11:30 AM



“ *Bev and Mark Heinen  
The video is a beautiful tribute to your wonderful father! You are all in our prayers!*



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**Mark Heinen** - October 28, 2016 at 09:08 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jerry Kalina.*



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October 27, 2016 at 08:43 PM



“ *Carol And Dan Osborn lit a candle in memory of Jerry Kalina*



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**Carol and Dan Osborn** - October 27, 2016 at 07:01 PM

PL

“ Pat Lorentz lit a candle in memory of Jerry Kalina



Pat Lorentz - October 27, 2016 at 05:03 PM

MB

“ Mike Baron lit a candle in memory of Jerry Kalina



Mike Baron - October 27, 2016 at 09:16 AM

PA

“ Polly Anderson lit a candle in memory of Jerry Kalina



Polly Anderson - October 27, 2016 at 04:50 AM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Jerry Kalina.



October 26, 2016 at 10:58 PM

MW

“ *Myron & Karen Winkelman lit a candle in memory of Jerry Kalina*



Myron & Karen Winkelman - October 26, 2016 at 04:46 PM



“ *69 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - October 26, 2016 at 04:33 PM

DH

“ *Mark and Family,  
Sorry to hear of Jerry's passing. So many of us have great memories of your folks as we were growing up--Jerry was one of a kind. I'll never forget the good times at the Kalina household. Godspeed to you, Sharon and your family in the healing process. Our thoughts and prayers are with you--sending good thoughts your way. Friends until the end.  
David Hunnicutt*

DAVID HUNNICUTT - October 26, 2016 at 02:10 PM

MM

“ *Marlene & Jerry Martinek lit a candle in memory of Jerry Kalina*



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**Marlene & Jerry Martinek** - October 26, 2016 at 12:16 PM

RL

“ *Ruby Lynk lit a candle in memory of Jerry Kalina*



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**Ruby Lynk** - October 26, 2016 at 08:16 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Jerry Kalina.*



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October 26, 2016 at 08:13 AM

MT

“ *Missy Tabery lit a candle in memory of Jerry Kalina*



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**Missy Tabery** - October 26, 2016 at 07:39 AM

NV

“ Jerry always had a wonderful sense of humor and you could tell he loved his kids. One evening when he was sitting in his easy chair, little Toddy who was a little tyke at the time, was sitting on his lap waiting for Jerry to drop some food in his widely opened mouth. Each time, his dad would chuckle and comment how it was like a baby robin waiting for a parent to shove some worms down it's throat.

*Norma Vang*

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**Norma Vang** - October 25, 2016 at 11:21 PM

CF

“ Cecile, Nancy, Theresa, Greg Krier and Families purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Jerry Kalina.



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**Cecile, Nancy, Theresa, Greg Krier and Families** - October 25, 2016 at 09:47 PM

BH

“ Bill And Debbie Hodous lit a candle in memory of Jerry Kalina



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**bill and debbie hodous** - October 25, 2016 at 08:37 PM



Lucyann  
Chan

“ *Lucyann and Randy Chan & family*



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**Lucyann Chan** - October 25, 2016 at 08:15 PM

JA

“ *Jerry & Di Anderson lit a candle in memory of  
Jerry Kalina*



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**Jerry & Di Anderson** - October 25, 2016 at 07:05 PM

MH

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with Jerry's family. Jerry and Vi were  
fun neighbors at the campground. He will be missed by all who  
knew him.*  
*Miles and Karen Haug*

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**Miles & Karen Haug** - October 25, 2016 at 06:31 PM

BK

“ *Bob Keppers lit a candle in memory of Jerry  
Kalina*



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**Bob Keppers** - October 25, 2016 at 04:37 PM

MM

“ Mike And Karen Mueller lit a candle in memory of Jerry Kalina



Mike and Karen Mueller - October 25, 2016 at 03:02 PM

MS

“ Mike And Lea Snyder lit a candle in memory of Jerry Kalina



Mike and Lea Snyder - October 25, 2016 at 02:43 PM

DH

“ Darrell & Peggy Haman lit a candle in memory of Jerry Kalina



Darrell & Peggy Haman - October 25, 2016 at 01:48 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Jerry Kalina.



October 25, 2016 at 01:25 PM

IB

“ Irene And Jerry Baron lit a candle in memory of Jerry Kalina



Irene and Jerry Baron - October 25, 2016 at 01:16 PM

IB

“ Jerry and Vi were great neighbors and friends.

Irene and Jerry Baron - October 25, 2016 at 01:16 PM

WW

“ Woody & Cathy Woods lit a candle in memory of Jerry Kalina



Woody & Cathy Woods - October 25, 2016 at 11:10 AM

PS

“ Paul And Gwen Skillings lit a candle in memory of Jerry Kalina



Paul and Gwen Skillings - October 25, 2016 at 10:38 AM

PS

Loved being your neighbor all those years ago. What a kind, gentle man! Our thoughts & prayers to all of you!

Paul and Gwen Skillings - October 25, 2016 at 10:40 AM

TK

“ *Tammie Klawitter lit a candle in memory of Jerry Kalina*



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**Tammie Klawitter** - October 25, 2016 at 10:01 AM

BR

“ *Very sorry about your dad, Bob.*

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**Bruce** - October 25, 2016 at 08:41 AM

BJ

“ *Bruce & Lydia Johnson lit a candle in memory of Jerry Kalina*



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**Bruce & Lydia Johnson** - October 25, 2016 at 08:32 AM

ST

“ *Sue Theisen lit a candle in memory of Jerry Kalina*



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**Sue Theisen** - October 25, 2016 at 07:06 AM

GD

“ George&Julie Deiss lit a candle in memory of Jerry Kalina



George&Julie Deiss - October 25, 2016 at 06:30 AM

DS

“ Dan And Dee Skogen lit a candle in memory of Jerry Kalina



Dan and Dee Skogen - October 25, 2016 at 05:59 AM

GD

“ George&Julie Deiss lit a candle in memory of Jerry Kalina



George&Julie Deiss - October 25, 2016 at 05:41 AM

JS

“ Jim Stoneman lit a candle in memory of Jerry Kalina



Jim Stoneman - October 25, 2016 at 05:25 AM

DK

“ *Dan Kern lit a candle in memory of Jerry Kalina*



**Dan Kern** - October 25, 2016 at 05:16 AM

JB

“ *Jim And Lorie Baron lit a candle in memory of Jerry Kalina*



**Jim and Lorie Baron** - October 24, 2016 at 11:09 PM

ME

“ *Margaret & Peter Van Erp lit a candle in memory of Jerry Kalina*



**Margaret & Peter Van Erp** - October 24, 2016 at 10:08 PM

BG

“ *Bob & Donna Grendahl lit a candle in memory of Jerry Kalina*



**Bob & Donna Grendahl** - October 24, 2016 at 09:52 PM

BI

“ *Bob Iken lit a candle in memory of Jerry Kalina*



**Bob Iken** - October 24, 2016 at 09:04 PM

MV

“ *Myrtle Vierkant lit a candle in memory of Jerry Kalina*



**Myrtle Vierkant** - October 24, 2016 at 07:46 PM

BT

“ *Barb & Terry Tumberg lit a candle in memory of Jerry Kalina*



**Barb & Terry Tumberg** - October 24, 2016 at 07:20 PM

BW

“ *Bob & Phyllis Wilkening lit a candle in memory of Jerry Kalina*



**Bob & Phyllis Wilkening** - October 24, 2016 at 06:33 PM