



## Joe Heinen

November 13, 1931 - October 7, 2010

Joseph Peter Heinen was born to his parents Frank J. & Mary (Servaty) Heinen on Nov. 31, 1931 in their home in Wadena. Joe passed away on Thurs. evening Oct. 7th at the St. Cloud Hospital. From June 1949 to Oct. 1959 Joe worked for the Great Northern Railroad. In April 1960 he became a postal carrier for the U.S. Post Office and retired in Nov. 1988. Joe then worked as a custodian for St. Ann's Church from Jan. 1989 until Nov. 2000. Joe was united in marriage to Marladene Marie Derby on Sept. 10, 1977 at St. Ann's Catholic Church. Together they made their home in the same house in which he was born. Joe loved classical music, bowling, crossword & jigsaw puzzles, watching the Twins and the Vikings. He was also an accomplished artist and enjoyed drawing. Joe was also a member of the Catholic Order of Foresters. Joe was preceded in death by his parents; brothers Anthony & John and his sister Ann. He is survived by his loving wife Marladene; brother Fritz (Shirley); mother in law Marian Derby; brothers in law Bob (Kathy), Jim (Joanne), Ken; sister in law Debbi (Josh) Williamson; several nieces, nephews, grand & great-grand nieces & nephews. The Mass of Christian Burial was held on Monday, October 11th at 11:00 AM in the St. Ann's Catholic Church with Fr. Donald Wagner & Fr. Wilfred Theisen as concelebrants. Honorary pallbearers were long time friends Alan & Esther Freitag. Active pallbearers were Mark Heinen, Rob Edquist, Jim Weber, John Andrie, Dave Kraemer & Larry Sworski. Military Honors were provided by the Elmer Goche Post 3922 VFW of Wadena. Interment was in the Calvary Cemetery in

Wadena.

# Tribute Wall

LH

“ Uncle Joe will be greatly missed. His kind and gentle manner was always a calming presence. I am grateful for the childhood memories of Sunday dinners with uncle Joe, uncle Tony, and grandma as well as the shared holidays and many visits in between. I am also extremely thankful for his choosing of Marly to be his wife; our family has been blessed beyond measure with her as part of our family.

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**Lecia Heinen-Edquist** - October 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PZ

“ Dear Marledene, How fortunate you were to have those wonderful years of marriage to a loving, kind and caring man. You are such a nice person and I know your faith will see you through this time in your life as it has been your support through the years. I think of you often and just wish you healing and God's love as you face the future. Love Penny

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**Penny Zaphel** - October 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MO

“ Joe was one of the first people I met when I started working with COF. I will always remember his gentleness and how very kind he always was.  
He will be missed. My sympathy goes out to the entire family for your loss.

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**Marlene "Moe" Otte** - October 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

NJ

“ *Marladene,  
So sorry to hear of Joe's passing.  
Growing up in Wadena-I would always see Joe at the Post Office  
window. So friendly and such a gentleman. And later, both yu and  
Joe assisting at masses at St. Ann's. Please know that my thoughts  
and prayers are with you and your family.*

*Sincerely,  
Nancy Johnson  
(Rose's daughter)*

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**Nancy Johnson** - October 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RO

“ *Marly,  
Joe has been a part of my life since I was a child. My dad (Ray  
Kern) held Joe in very high regard. My dad worked many years with  
Joe and they had many good times together with some great  
stories. Joe was a great "gentleman" his love for his faith, family and  
friends are well known to all. I am so sorry for you, but am happy for  
Joe...he is with dad sharing laughter and stories of their time here  
with us...having a great time in the warmth of the God they both  
loved.*

*I will miss him,*

*Rose*

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**Rose** - October 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ *Marladene, Was surprised and saddened to hear of Joe passing.  
You will surely miss him. I remember when he lead the prayer group  
sometimes. I will remember you in my prayers. Julie Geiser*

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**Julie Geiser** - October 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ We are very sorry to hear about the passing of Joe.. Marladeen, we are keeping you in our prayers..  
God Bless,  
Janice and Jerry Denny

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**Janice and Jerry Denny** - October 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ Dear Marly....what can we say.....you and Joe are part of those "pieces" in the puzzle of life that Larry and I have put together....people whom we appreciate so much. Many years have we know each other, starting in VHS and then through work, and because of you, Marly, we were able to "know" Joe. we both so sad...Joe was doing so well and had seemed to make it over the "hump" with his leg and foot.... and then something else had to take his life. We wanted to make sure you knew that we have HAD other committments for this Sunday and Monday with Tamra and family in Mpls, celebrating a grandson's birthday, and we regret that we won't be at either the "awake" or Joe's funeral. But, we TRUST and KNOW that there are going to be many others who will fill the gap of our absence, and then we'll catch up with you later Marly, okay? God Bless you, and may He give you the strength that you SO need right now, and will need later too. We care so much, and wanted you to know that. Bye now Marly, Larry and Diane

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**Larry and Diane Hahn** - October 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ It is rare to meet someone that is more kind and giving as Uncle Joe was. His smile and gentle personality will be missed by all who knew him. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Marly during this time of lose.

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**Corey Derby** - October 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ So sorry to hear of Joe's passing. I remember well seeing Joe and Marladene in church on Sunday mornings when I was growing up. My deepest sympathies to Marladene and the rest of Joe's family and friends.

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**Candice Tellers** - October 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM