



John Brauch

May 30, 1925 - April 24, 2006

John Benno Brauch was born to his parents Ed & Laura (Schwalen) Brauch on May 30, 1925 in Bertha, Minnesota. He passed away at his lake home in Ottertail on Monday, April 24th. John graduated from Wadena Senior High School. After graduation he enlisted in the Merchant Marines where he served from 1944 - 1947. He was then drafted into the U.S. Army in 1950 and served until 1952. John was united in marriage to C. Loretta (Lori) Uselman on October 12, 1950 in Wadena. While in Wadena he owned and operated two service stations and a Bulk Oil business. He also managed the Cenex Home Center. John worked for Uselman's Inc. as a salesman until buying out the New Holland dealership and operating as Northland Implement until retiring in 1992. John and Lori have made their home at Ottertail since that time. John was also active in his community. He was a life member of the VFW Post 3922 where he served as Post Commander, the American Legion Post 171 and the Knights of Columbus. In his spare time he enjoyed gardening, hunting and fishing. John was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife Lori of Ottertail; daughter Linda (Ray) Collins of Wadena; sons Mike (Mary) of Staples, Mark (Larissa) of Plymouth and Dan (Pamela) of Perham; 15 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren and his brother Joe (Fran) of Staples. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, April 28th at 11:00 AM in the St. Ann's Catholic Church in Wadena with Fr. Albert Holmes as celebrant. Burial will take place in the Calvary Cemetery with Military Honors provided by the Elmer Goche Post 3922 Veterans of Foreign Wars. Pallbearers will be his

grandchildren; Jon Collins, Laura Gonska, Anne Femling, Shelly Collins, Matt Collins, Katharine Brauch, Abigail Brauch, Rachel Holmgren, Anna Brauch, Gannon Holmgren, Andrew Brauch, Scott Brauch, Eric Brauch, Amanda Hanson & Justin Hanson. John will be dearly missed by all of his beloved family.

Tribute Wall

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“ John was a great family friend and always made sure that you were welcome at their house. I remember all the great times our families shared at Rush Lake.

Dale Vierkant - April 24, 2006 at 12:00 AM

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“ I feel truly blessed to have had the opportunity to grow up knowing John. He is one of the people from my childhood that always set a great example and was truly a good man. I always looked up to John. I have lived away from MN. for a long time now, but when ever I think back to growing up there, John, Lori and family always come to mind and I always end up smiling.

I will miss John.

Rob Uselman - April 24, 2006 at 12:00 AM