



## John Sundby

October 8, 1916 - February 11, 2006

John Edward Sundby was born in rural Wadena on October 8, 1916 to Cleon & Ethel (Beyers) Sundby. He passed away on Saturday, February 11th at the Fair Oaks Lodge in Wadena. John was united in marriage to Bertha Ann Oldenburg on Sept. 18, 1938 at the Lutheran parsonage in Bertha. They were blessed with 7 children. John was a wonderful husband, loving father and the worlds best grandfather. John farmed for many years in the Wadena area. In 1959 he started with Northwestern Bell and retired in 1981 with 22 years of service. He enjoyed playing horseshoes for many years and becoming a State Champion in 1970. He also enjoyed deer hunting with his sons and many friends. John was known as "Honest John" with his many horse dealings, buying and selling. He always had a new horse for his grandchildren to ride or to give them a buggy ride. His greatest joy was being grandpa to his 69 grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He always had a box of Chicolets in his pocket for his little grandchildren. John was preceded in death by his parents; sisters Alice, Vera, Betty and Frances; brothers Lawrence, Samuel and George. He is survived by his wife Bertha of 67 years; sons Cleon (Pat) of Watertown, MN, John (Betty) of East Gull Lake near Brainerd, Jim (Barb) of Wadena, Ron (Judy) of Verndale, Gary of Cloquet. Jerry (Cindy) of Watertown, MN; daughter Sandy (Jim) Winkels of Perham; 69 grand & great-grandchildren; brother Harold of Wadena and sister Margaret Munkers of Kanah, UT; and a host of other family members and friends. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, February 15th at 11:00 AM in the St. John

Lutheran Church in Wadena with Pastor Gary Rokenbrodt officiating. Burial will take place in the Wadena Cemetery following the services. Active pallbearers will be his grandchildren Michael, Sam, Ryan, Jason Sundby, Renae Sundby-Draper and Jimmy Winkels. Honorary pallbearers will be all of his great-grandchildren. [View this Videotribute](#)

# Tribute Wall

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“ To the Sundby family?..

*Hi?????I?m one of John?s nieces????I never knew John?Mom has talked about him all my life?Dave and I enjoyed seeing the pictures of him with his horse cart?My husband and I would like to send our love and sympathy?We know that John is in the safest place that he can be now. That is in God?s memory?(John :28,29) Says: ?Do not marvel at this because the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out, those who did good things to a resurrection of life, those who practiced vile things to a resurrection of judgment??Because of world conditions and Bible prophecy we know this time will be soon?.Dave & Leda Andersen*

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**Leda C. Andersen (Munkers)** - February 11, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *My dear brother John was a kind and loving person. He was a joy to be around. He had a wonderful sense of humor and could always make me laugh. I have fond memories of him that will live in my heart and mind forever. His kindness and compassion meant so much to me. I loved him dearly.*

*Margaret Munkers*

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**Margaret Munkers** - February 11, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ *May you rest in peace John, with God our creator. I hope John and my Mother and Father meet again .We pray for the Sundby family At this time of the loss of John. Bill Paggen*

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**Dorothy&Bill Paggen** - February 11, 2006 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Uncle John always made sure I had a "gentle" horse for riding, took me on a snowmobile ride during the summer on the grass, gave us a covered wagon ride to take the cream to town, taught me card games, and even cooked rabbit stew for us on our last trip. Our family always looked forward to the Minnesota visits and have a lifetime of memories.

*It's warm in heaven--may you rest in peace. My thoughts and prayers are with the family. Love, Linda*

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**Linda Favre White** - February 11, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Uncle John is and will always be the the epitomy of a man with a great sense of humor. One who always understaood the value of taking the "humble" road--not one to be seeking the lime light. Just down to earth and genuinely interested in the needs of his family over his own--he lived "giving the shirt off his back", he didn't just talk about it! We will never forget when he was desparately trying to find a place for us to live in Wadena--he found us an inexpensive place, but we were never able to make it materialize from our stand point. The point is he took action--he was a man of his word, honor, integrity, and truth! God bless our loving, kind, and Christ-like Uncle John! Few are made that way anymore...Love, The Johnson's

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**David and Brenda Johnson & Family** - February 11, 2006 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ Praying the Lord will comfort you all with his peace...surround you all with his love...and encourage you all with his presence.

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**Suzanne Kelzer** - February 11, 2006 at 12:00 AM

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“*Even in this time of sorrow, your heart must know- that memories will always endure, and that bonds of love can never be broken.*”

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**The Pietsch Family** - February 11, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JH

“*Uncle John was a unique person. I will miss his laugh, hugs, and joking nature. He will always have a special place in my heart. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted. (Matt. 5:4)*”

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**Joyce Hopkins** - February 11, 2006 at 12:00 AM

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“*I'm so happy to have been touched by your life. Your memories will never be forgotten. My thoughts and prayers go out to everyone.*”

*~I believe that tears can heal, that memories can comfort, that love lives on forever. With Sympathy*

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**Michelle Favre** - February 11, 2006 at 12:00 AM

KL

“*May you rest in peace. My thoughts and prayers and with you and your family. God bless you!*”

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**Karen Leech** - February 11, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ *What a beautiful tribute you have created with the photographs of John and other family members. When I brought books to Bertha at Fair Oaks a few years ago I enjoyed visiting with John and Gary also. Bertha liked to share her library books with John. They both liked reading anything to do with horses, anything Western. My thoughts and prayers go out to all of you at this time.*

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**Mary Ellen Kennedy Kollodge** - February 11, 2006 at 12:00 AM