



Joseph Brauch

February 21, 1921 - September 2, 2006

Joseph Edward Brauch passed away on Saturday, Sept. 2nd at the Lakewood Health Care System in Staples. Joseph was born to his parents Edward & Laura (Schwalen) Brauch on Feb. 12, 1921 at the Davis Hospital in Wadena. Joseph served his country in the US Army from 1942 to 1962, serving in both WWII and the Korean War. He retired from military service as a Chief Warrant Officer. Joe was united in marriage to Frances Therese Sullivan on Oct. 19, 1946 at the St. Mary of the Sea Catholic Church in Bayonne, NJ. After his military service we worked for Russ Davis Wholesale as a bookkeeper until his retirement. Except for time spent in the military he has lived in the Wadena area his entire life. Joe was very active in his community. He was a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church, the Knights of Columbus, American Legion, VFW Post 3922, the Military Officers Association and he also served on the Wadena City Council. In his spare time he enjoyed being at the lake cabin, gardening, woodworking, playing cards and spending time with his family and friends. Joe was preceded in death by his parents and his brother John. He is survived by his loving wife of 59 years Frances of the Lakewood Health Care System in Staples; daughters Mary Beth (Al) Dolezal of Verndale and Gina (Ray) Bleimeyer of Rochester; sons James (Carolyn) of Lockport, ILL, Joseph (Yong) of Fayetteville, NC & Robert (Jane) of Savage; 13 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. The Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Wed., Sept. 6th at 11:00 AM in the St. Ann's Catholic Church in Wadena with Fr. Donald Wagner as celebrant. Serving as honorary pallbearers are all of his

grand and great-grandchildren. Serving as active pallbearers are his grandsons and grandsons in law; Anthony Dolezal, Chris Dolezal, Kevin Brauch, Rick Hable, Gregg Lentz & Tim Rist. Burial will take place in the Calvary Cemetery in Wadena with military honors provided by the Elmer Goche Post 3922 VFW of Wadena.

Tribute Wall

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“ I realize that this tribute is a bit late, but I feel I have finally found the words to express myself properly.

Joseph Brauch, aka "Paw-Paw", was no doubt the most honorable man I have ever had the honor of knowing. My earliest memories of him are nothing but memorable. as a child, a trip to Wadena to see my grandparents was always just as exciting as any other vacation. I can accurately remember his warmth towards his family and his razor wit and subtle sense of humor. He always had an amazing ability to tell a story that was funny to both adults and children in his audience. What some may consider a boring game of cards always turned out to be the highlight of many vacations, as he was widely considered in the family to be the crowned king of just about every game played. I remember the seldom moments that I beat him as though I had swung a grand slam in the world series. More than my personal experiences, I remember him as a 2 time war veteran, a man of unwavering faith, and probably the greatest american patriot in my family, and was in every defintion of the word, a tru family patriarch. When I think of the word "honor" I think of him. He never cheated, he never acted without reason, he never acted selfishly, and he never compromised his beliefs.

It is now one of my deepest regrets that I did not learn more than i already have from him. He was the last of a dying breed of truly honorable men, whose moral conviction stood above all else. I can only aspire to be half the man he was. My heart swells with pride to think that I am his blood, and a piece of him lives within me. Rest In peace, Joseph Edward Brauch. I will see you again in heaven, and I hope I will make you as proud of me as I am of you. God Bless You.
Jim

James Peterson - September 02, 2006 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Fran remembering the days when we were neighbors in Wadena. My deepest sympathy to you and Yours. Joe is now at peace in heaven and it is beautiful there. May God Bless Jean*

Judy Vierkant Ament - September 02, 2006 at 12:00 AM