



Joyce Kopp

June 4, 1933 - December 31, 2010

Joyce H. Kopp was born June 4, 1933, in Iona Township, Todd County, MN, to Christa (Boyer) and Harold Kopp. He passed away on December 31, 2010, at Lakewood Healthcare System in Staples. After graduating from Park Rapids High School in 1951, he served in the US Army 47th Division until 1953.

Joyce was united in marriage to Lois Potter on July 14, 1951. He worked as a security guard at Stillwater State Prison for two years. In 1961, Joyce began his law enforcement career as a patrolman in New Brighton. He accepted the position of Chief of Police in LeSueur in 1965, where he served for ten years. In 1975, Joyce moved his family north to Wadena where he served as Chief of Police until his retirement on December 31, 1989. He continued to work as a Guardian Ad Litem for the courts from 1990 to 2000. Joyce was one of the founding members of the Wadena County Child Protection Team, was active in Rotary, and a lifetime member of the American Legion. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, reading, and spending time with his family. Joyce is survived by his wife Lois of New York Mills; sister Irene (late Dwight) Nelson of Wauseon, OH; daughter Randee (Joe) Sigler of Rosemount, Diane (Tim) Vaughn of New York Mills; son Jason (Brenda Rahn) of Hewitt; seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held January 5, 2011, at 10:30 a.m. in the United Methodist Church in Wadena, with Pastor Shirley Nelson officiating. Pallbearers were Lane Waldahl, Mike Mott, Bruce Uselman, Ron Noon, Mike Peters, Tom Crawford, Dennis Henriksen, and Mike Nielsen. Burial was in the Wadena Cemetery.

Tribute Wall

CO

“ Jason and Family - so sorry to hear of your father's passing. I will always remember the fun times that we had when he took Jason and I hunting and fishing. He was someone that I was proud to know, and I am deeply sorry for your loss.

Chad Oftedal - December 31, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ He will be missed.

Bill Besnett - December 31, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ Randee,

Was shocked to see your dad's obituary in the News Herald. I just happened to pull it up online. I remember you saying his health was failing. Your family was a great support to me during my teenage years and I will never forget that kindness. K.

Dawn Guilfoyle - December 31, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ My condolences to the Kopp Family.

Joyce touched so many lives, I am sure there would be no way of measuring...From protector to mentor and role model, he was the real deal.

I am proud to be able to say I knew him.

Mike Ramstorf - December 31, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ *Diane and family - I am so sorry to hear of the loss of you father. Please know that we are thinking and praying for you during this difficult time. Just remember the good time and memories that you have to help you through the days ahead. God and family will help you through.*

Christie Hennagir - December 31, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ *Your kindness and neighborly ways will always be remembered.*

Julie Osterman - December 31, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ *Lois and family, please accept my deepest sympathy's at your loss.*

I didn't know Joyce, but he must've been a wonderful man.

I remember you when I worked with you at Homecrest, back in the day.

I wish you peace and the knowing that one day we will all be together again as our Lord promised. Blessed are they who mourn, for one day we will unite with our loved ones in paradise.

God bless you and your family with many happy memories which will help you through this difficult time.

Take care and God Bless.

Jackie Perius.

Jackie Perius - December 31, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Thinking of you. My prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Dena Wanner - December 31, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ *"The Chief" will always be fondly remembered as a mentor and friend. He offered me great teaching about respect, honesty, and accountability as a youth worker, fresh out of college. I treasure his teaching and humor. Lives are better because of JH Kopp. God bless you and your memories.*

Kali Christensen - December 31, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CK

“ *May God grant you eternal peace.*

Chief Bruce Kelly - December 31, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *So sorry to hear of his Passing. I enjoyed the few times I had the pleasure to be around him especially, The Fishing trip to the Lake of the Woods a few years back. I'm sure he is now telling his favorite jokes around Heaven...Well! Maybe not. I'm sure he will be missed by all that knew him.*

John Hirschey - December 31, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ Joyce was the Chief of Police and hired me as an officer in 1987 after coming to Cottonwood, Mn to visit.
I always admired and respected him as an honorable man who provided leadership to a young officer.
He was always great to visit.
Joyce taught me the value of treating people with respect but above all else treat people equally no matter who they are.
Farewell "Chief Walking Eagle".

Ron Noon (Gretchen) - December 31, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ Our thoughts and prayers for the Kopp family during this sad time. Retired Chief J. Kopp will be fondly remembered by the Wadena Police Department and his many stories will be shared by those community members, law enforcement and dear friends.
It was a pleasure to speak with both Lois and Joyce as they would visit the PD and he was so helpful in history questions.
Take care and he will be held in our hearts and memories forever.

Sharon & Vernell Roberts - December 31, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ Lois and Children,
We are so sorry to hear of Joyce's passing. A good man and a good friend.
We had some great times together back in the 1950's when we lived in the north. He will be missed by a lot of people. I know your hearts are heavy with grief and sorrow. Trust in the Lord and he will give you rest and comfort.

With sympathy

Tony and Nancy Paulson

Tony Paulson - December 31, 2010 at 12:00 AM