



LaVerne Rentz

August 13, 1922 - October 20, 2011

LaVerne Gordon Rentz was born on August 13, 1922 to Ralph and Olga (Gregerson) Rentz in St. Paul, MN. He passed away on October 20, 2011, at the age of 89, at Fair Oaks Lodge in Wadena. LaVerne and Eileen Mae Crocker were united in marriage on April 6, 1944. He served honorably in the United States Army. He was a member of the Sebeka American Legion, Wadena County Fair Board, Wadena Area Food Shelf, and the Christian & Missionary Alliance Church in Wadena. The community will remember him as the owner and operator of Rentz Trucking for many years. His hobbies included playing cards & games, hunting, and visiting with his family & friends. LaVerne was preceded in death by his wife Eileen on October 25, 2006; parents Ralph and Olga; brothers Robert, Willard, and Richard; and infant sister Carol Ann; grandsons Cory Jensen & Kyle Crider. He is survived by his sons LeRoy (Bonnie) and Steve (Sandra) both of Wadena; daughters LaVerna (Dennis) Mellesmoen of Silver Bay, Virginia (Charles) Brunko of Fergus Falls, Bonnie (Jim) Crider of Lindstrom, Rita Jensen of Moorhead, Jackie (Steve) Dunker of Wadena, Adele (Jack) Wiemann of Tucson, AZ, and Joyce Nix of Andover; 24 grandchildren & 32 great-grandchildren; brother Wayne (Sharon) of Ramsey; and sisters Betty Seaton of Wadena and Mavis Odegard of Montevideo. Funeral services were held on Monday, October 24, 2011 at 1:30 p.m. at the Christian & Missionary Alliance Church in Wadena, with Pastor Vaughn White officiating. Honorary pallbearers were all of LaVerne's granddaughters and active pallbearers were all of his grandsons. Burial will be

in Wadena Cemetery.

Tribute Wall

JH

“ *My deepest sympathy to all of the family in the loss of your father and grandfather. I always enjoyed talking with your dad throughout the years. He will be missed by all--what a sense of humor!*

jane hieb - October 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CE

“ *Jackie,*

My thoughts & prayers are with you and your family at this time. LaVerne was so kind and friendly that I am sure he will be missed by many people.

Cheryl

Cheryl Erickson - October 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SO

“ *I grew up on County Road 23 in wadena and Laverne was one of my childhood neighbors. My deepest sympathy's go out to Adele, Joyce and Jackie and rest of his children and to his granddaughter Kim a fellow co-worker may God hold you all in his prayers and give you all the comfort that you need to get through this difficult time. Loads of Love,*

Sharyl Olson(Umland)

Sharyl Olson(Umland) - October 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ *So sorry to hear about your dad. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.*

Kriss Frink - October 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ *To all of the family:*

Our thought's are with you at this time. We are so sorry to hear about LaVerne. Whenever we think about LaVerne, we think of his big smile and his laughter. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Ray & Peggy Rentz - October 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ *I'm so sorry to hear about Uncle LaVerne. I have wonderful memories of him. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

Kevin & Shari Rentz - October 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ *Thinking of you during this sad time. You are in my prayers. Hugs, J*

Janet Johnson - October 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ Grandpa,
There are so many memories you have blessed us with and I am thankful for all of them. You are a man of great strength, a funny sense of humor, the extreme knowledge of directions (I believe you knew every street in MN and who lived at every corner so we knew where to turn)!!
I was amazed by your math skills and so much more.
I appreciate every minute we spent together. Especially the last time we were to visit in the hospital. You were alert, funny and full of stories.
Grandpa may you rest in peace and comfort as you are reunited with grandma.
We will miss you very much.
Love always,
Shelly,Mark,Meaghan,Makenna and Calvin!!!

Shelly Kroska - October 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ LaVerne was always a wonderful friend to our famiy he always had a smile for us and was always ready to talk.
He will be deeply missed but always remembered as a kind and wonderful friend.
Our thoughts and prayers are with all of LaVerne's family.

mary fritz - October 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ *Rentz family...I am so sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. He will be missed by so many people. Thank you for sharing him with my family for so many years. He will always have a place in my heart. He treated me like one of his own and I will never forget that. Many thoughts and prayers for all of you during this difficult time. Keep him alive through all the memories.*

God's Blessings to all of you.

Rose Fritz - October 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM