



Lawrence Vandenberghe

March 12, 1932 - November 3, 2008

Lawrence E. Vandenberghe was born on March 12, 1932 to Austin and Mary (Jacques) Vandenberghe in Butler, MN. He passed away on Monday, November 3, 2008, at the age of 76 years, at Tri-County Hospital in Wadena. Lawrence served in the United States Navy from March of 1952 to March of 1956. It was during this time, while stationed at a small naval base practice-landing field at Fentress, VA, that only a few miles away he met the love of his life. His love for her lasted for over 53 years, as Lawrence and Louise N. Daniels were united in marriage on April 23, 1955 at Chesapeake, VA. He was active in the Wadena and Sebeka communities for 48 years and was a member of the Sebeka American Legion for 41 years, the Knights of Columbus, and a life member of the Disabled American Veterans. Lawrence was a retired farmer and was a Wadena-Deer Creek School bus driver for 24 years. He enjoyed fishing, being in the woods, hunting, cutting firewood, gardening, and playing cards. Lawrence was preceded in death by his parents, Austin and Mary; infant son, Joseph, and son Keith; and sister, Dorothy Teig. He is survived by his loving wife, Louise; sons, Duane (Dawn) of Coon Rapids, Daniel (Sandra) of Maple Grove, and Kenneth (Natalie) of Junction City, OR; 9 grandchildren, 2 step-grandchildren, and 1 great-grandchild; brothers, Bob of Perham, and Allan (Sheryl) of Brainerd; sisters, Donna (John) Kunza of Coon Rapids, Loraine Honer of Perham, Leona (Frank) Lorentz of Bluffton, and Joyce (Ambrose) Doll of Perham; and brother-in-law, Jerry Teig of Ottertail. The Mass of Christian Burial was held at 11:00

AM on Friday, November 7, 2008 at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Wadena with Father Donald Wagner as celebrant. Interment was in Calvary Cemetery in Wadena. Honorary pallbearers were Vernon Becker, Bob Steinbach, Bob Berry, Chris Roberts, Mike Bondzin, Rich Langer, Ron Wright, and Duane Schultz. Active pallbearers were Jeffrey Vandenberghe, Melissa Vandenberghe, Cory Vandenberghe, Sarah Vandenberghe, Ashley Vandenberghe, Angela Vandenberghe, Rachel Vandenberghe, Alexandra Vandenberghe, and Quin Vandenberghe.

Tribute Wall

CA

“ *Lawrence was a giant of a man in so many ways. I have only known him for a short time, but I know that I will never forget him. I can picture that grin of his right now.*

I enjoyed playing cards, having dinner, and fishing with him. He liked to tease too.

He will always remain in my memory as a very wonderful man.

Carol Abrahamson - November 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ *I was shocked to hear of Lawrence's recent passing when speaking with my mother this afternoon. My sincere condolences to Louise and the rest of the family.*

May God carry Lawrence to his eternal rest.

Candice Tellers - November 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ *I got to know Lawrence through his family. I graduated from High School with his son, Keith. I always enjoyed our conversations and his humor. He had a great outlook on life and had a positive impact on everyone he met. I will always remember him. My thoughts and prayers are with Louise and their family.*

Dennis Martodam - November 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ *Lawrence was not only my brother-in-law but a good friend. He had a wonderful personality and disposition. I had a great time with him, hunting, building deer stands, fishing and playing cards. I will miss him greatly.*

Jerry Teig - November 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *I just wanted to let you know my prayers are with all of you at this time. I thought the world of my Uncle Lawrence and really enjoyed all the time I had spent living with ya'll many, many years ago on the farm. Wish I could have been able to get back up that way to visit.*

I will not be able to be there with you on Friday, 11/07, but my thoughts and prayers will be.

*Love always,
Denise (Lynn) Simpson*

Denise (Lynn) Simpson - November 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ *Dan and family, our thoughts and prayers are with you. All of us at the office are so very sorry for your loss and wish we could be with you.*

Julie Gorans - November 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM

WD

“ *God Bless*

William Daniels - November 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Our deepest sympathy to your family. Lawrence will always be remembered to our children as he was their Bus Driver. Lawrence was well liked and respected by the children he transported safely each day!! We truly enjoyed knowing him!! God Bless Lawrence & God Bless you the Family!!

Dennis & Judy Theisen Family - November 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Duane,

I'm very sorry to hear of your loss. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.

Jebb

Jebb Willis - November 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ We are glad that we were able to spend a week this summer with Lawrence and Louise and to go to the headwaters of the Mississippi at Lake Itasca. Sybil had not been there since 1959. It was Rodney's first visit. Also, to enjoy your driveway and garden. Rodney enjoyed the ride on Jerry's boat. Sybil declined.

Sybil J. and Rodney J. Van Houten - November 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT LAWRENCE'S DEATH AND SORRY WE WERE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE FUNERAL BUT YOU ARE IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS. COME SEE US WHEN YOU CAN.

THOMAS & NANCY DANIELS & FAMILY - November 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Duane,

I'm sorry to hear about your father passing away. I remembered him quite well during the time we were in high school. He seemed like a very strong, honest and hard working dad. He and your mom did a wonderful job raising your family. You have to be proud of the life he led.

Sorry I missed you I've been traveling.

Take Care,

Jon

Jon Wensman - November 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *Kenny and family*

I am so sorry to hear of your dad's passing. I pray that he has found peace and healing with our Lord and is enjoying his eternal life in Heaven.

God Bless and know that my prayers are with you.

Margit Pavek Schmelka

Margit Pavek Schmelka - November 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ *Were going to miss you Lawrence. I'll miss that strong hand shake. Your in our hearts and prayers. Love you always. Mike*

Michael Daniels - November 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ *Lawrence was the nicest person you would ever want to meet. He had a heart of gold. I attended Wadena School, he was the best bus driver. The bus ride was not the same when he retired. He use to listen to Paul Harvey every morning. I now listen to to Paul Harvey and I will always think of Lawrence. My deepest sympathy to the family.*

Stephanie - November 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM