



## Lyle Freer

April 1, 1925 - October 5, 2010

Lyle L. Freer, age 85, passed away peacefully at Lakewood Health Center in Staples, MN on Tuesday, October 5, 2010, after a long struggle with Parkinson's Disease. He was born in Isle on April 1, 1925, son of Eugene and Inez (Windsor) Freer. He graduated from Isle High School and served in the U.S. Army during World War II and the Korean Conflict. He attended college in Georgia and graduated from Brown Institute in Minneapolis in radio engineering. Upon graduation, he was employed by KWAD in Wadena as a radio announcer. Lyle and Marlyn Juergens were united in marriage on May 30, 1953 in the St. John Lutheran Church in Wadena. During his 50 plus years as a resident of Wadena, Lyle was active in St. John Lutheran Church, the VFW, and the Lion's Club. He was President of the Chamber of Commerce and also of the Jaycees. Lyle served as a Wadena County Commissioner for 13 years. He also owned several businesses in Wadena. Lyle will be remembered for his love of baseball. He played for his hometown Isle team, the Fergus Falls Red Sox, and the Wadena Chiefs. He coached the American Legion and VFW baseball teams from the 1960's through the 1990's, and was a pitching coach for the Wadena High School baseball team for several years. He was an active member of the Wadena Baseball Board and was inducted into the Minnesota Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame in 1983. Survivors include his beloved wife of 57 years, Marlyn; daughter Janet (Wayne) Freer of Annapolis, MD; sons David of Richfield, Mark (Paula) of Delano, Paul (Pam) of Buffalo, and Jon (Margo) of Royalton; grandchildren Jesse (Paula) of

Greenfield, Delaney and Ethan of Buffalo; and great-grandchild Liam; brothers Merlyn (Lucille) of Dayton, OH, and Dean (Wanda) of Inver Grove Heights; sisters Eunice (Tilfred) Bue of Clarksfield, Carol (Paul) Bailey of Mora, and Deanna (Neal) Peterson of Arlington, VA. He was preceded in death by his parents Eugene and Inez; and brothers Duane and Darrell. Memorial services were held at St. John Lutheran Church at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, October 8, 2010, with Pastor Stephen Meltzer officiating. Honorary pallbearers were Dick Grewe, Vernon Sinell, Harold "Skinny" Maitland, Gordon Haglund, Jesse Gleason, Delaney Freer, and Ethan Freer.

# Tribute Wall

PS

“ *Very sorry to hear of Lyle's passing. I remember him most for his great love of baseball. He and my father Dick shared alot of the same passions and were great leaders and organizers. My sympathy & prayers are with Lyle's entire family.*

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**Pam Sandberg-Grewe** - October 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ *Sorry to hear about Lyle's passing. I just heard about it and I wish I could have been there. Lyle was a great person who I loved talking baseball with just the thought of him brings back great memories. I wish the best to everyone.*

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**Rick Tappe** - October 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ *Mark:  
Sorry to hear about your Father.*

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**Tom Lehr** - October 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *May God give all of you peace. Lyle was a wonderful person. I enjoyed every minute that ever spent with him. He was joy when coming to fair board meetings and even more of a joy at church. You were very blessed to have him in your lives. Just remember that we are all "In God's Hands". Dale and Jani Heins*

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**Jani Heins** - October 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SO

“ Are deepest sympathy out to Marlyn and the entire family. May God bless you all...Loads of love the Olson family Paul, Sharyl, Joshua and Cody

Sharyl Olson - October 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Marlyn.....My thoughts are with you at this time. Know that I care. I will keep you and your family in my prayers....Nita

Juanita Lutz - October 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Marlyn,

*So sorry to hear of Lyle's passing. You have our deepest sympathies. God Bless you and your whole family.*

*Joel & Kim*

Joel & Kim Beiswenger - October 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Sorry to hear of the loss of Lyle. He was a big part of baseball in Wadena. I had him for a coach and so did my boys. My sons and I had the privilage of knowing Lyle and benefiting from his knowledge of the sport Lyle loved. Lyle could get his point across in his quiet manner of explaining things. May he rest in peace.

Dan and Deb Sweere and family - October 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

VS

“ *Marlyn, Paul & family - so sad to hear of the passing of Lyle. I have vivid memories of his laughter & stories . And what fun we had traveling to St. Cloud for state Bball tourneys & knowing we would get to sit in the famous Winnebago. Thanks for the memories*

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**vicki (wegscheid) singer** - October 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ *I am sorry to hear of Lyle's passing. I hope that all the wonderful memories you have of him support you and give you strength and peace at this time.*

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**Sande Cornelius** - October 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *Lyle was a great and humble man. I remember trying to tie him to some of the "Chiefs" or "Indians" or "Wolverines" baseball success and he would just smile and say you must have me confused with someone else. He really got the game of baseball, and never grew tired of giving to it.  
Lyle was so kind to so many...I will miss him.*

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**Dan Skogen** - October 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Marlyn and family,  
What a wonderful man! I shall never forget the support and interest he showed in me some 30 years ago... and the sport of baseball... by stopping occasionally in Red Lake Falls to view one of my baseball practices and talk the sport. It was even more a privilage to coach against him in the 1994 section 8 baseball tournament held in Wadena that year. He will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you.  
Mike*

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October 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ I didn't know Lyle personally but I do know that he was a wonderful man. When my husband was deployed in Iraq Lyle sent him letters faithfully. It wasn't something he had to do, he chose to do. I never got a chance to thank him. But I hope he knows that I appreciated the time he gave to my husband. I pray that he is resting peacefully. Marlyn I am thinking of you and your family.

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**Rhonda Kleinke** - October 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Mark and Family,

*Terribly sad to hear of the passing of Lyle. He will always be remembered as one of the great guys of Wadena--I'll never forget all the good things he did for Baseball in Wadena. A lot of us owe him a great debt of gratitude--there'll never be another like him.*

*Godspeed in your healing.*

*David Hunnicutt*

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**David Hunnicutt** - October 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM