



M. Hokanson

December 15, 1927 - March 1, 2012

M. Jerome Hokanson of Verndale, passed away at the age of 84 years on March 1, 2012 at the Tri-County Hospital in Wadena. Private family graveside services will be held at a later date. Jerome was born on December 15, 1927 in Bertha to Arve and Lois (Bartlett) Hokanson. After graduating from Bertha High School, he joined the US Army in 1945 and was stationed in Okinawa, Japan for one year before being honorably discharged in 1947. He was united in marriage with Jackie Schwantz of Bertha on July 11, 1959 at Elko, NV. "Smoke", as Jerome had become to be known, worked as a lineman for Line Builders Inc. of Rupert, ID in 1957. He traveled and worked in many of the western states. He returned to Minnesota in the early 60's and worked for Minnesota Power for 26 years. His first and greatest love was his family. He was an outdoorsman who loved hunting, fishing, gardening and bird watching. Jerome was preceded in death by his parents Arve and Lois; brothers Vere and Vaughn; and sisters Valoris Simpson, Joyce Hokanson and Jean Bakker. He is survived by his loving wife Jackie; son Mike (Julie) of Detroit Lakes; daughters Pam of Fergus Falls, Patti (Joe) Doeden of Moorhead, and Peg of Rothsay; and grandchildren Derek Norby of Fargo, ND and Ben & Anna Hokanson of Detroit Lakes.

Tribute Wall

SS

“ Always enjoyed talking with him over his garden fence, and what a garden it was. He loved nature. Take a walk or drive down the alley and look at those martin houses...that alone tells you alot about this man. We could all stand to be a little more respectful of things other than our selves. I often think of him as I feed "our" birds and wish we had those bird houses too. He's flying Home now with his own golden wings and soaring oh so high!

Sally Schaffhausen - March 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ Jackie & family. My prayers & thoughts are with you at this time. When you have a minute please let me know. I would love to come in & give you a hug.
friend always Arliss

Arliss Lovelace - March 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ It was a long time ago when Smoke lived in Bertha just a block down our alley. Jackie and I grew up together and I know how much she loved this man. I was amazed when I visited them in the summer and saw all the flowers and bird houses. I feel your sorrow, Jackie and family. God be with you 'til you meet again

Sandy (Tangen) Bergman - March 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ Jackie and family; my deepest sympathy to you all. Know he is in a much better place than we are. Jackie, I love you!!!! Cathy

Cathy Pangrac - March 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Dearest Peg,
My sympathy and love to you as you send your Dad to heaven. It sounds as if he is the one that helped you learn to appreciate nature and God's creatures.
Another WWII hero will be missed. In friendship....Jo

Jo Bitker - March 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

WD

“ Jackie and Family,
We always looked forward to seeing Jerome's name on the schedule whenever he came into the dental office-he was always very pleasant and had a joke or two for us girls. Not to mention the vegetables he brought with him. Oh yes, and the sunny's from Buchanan Lake were such a treat. I am sure he will be missed. Jackie our condolences.

Will & Marilee

Will & Marilee Domier - March 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NA

“ Love and peace to you Jackie. Imagine the boatload of fish he's hauling in now!!!!

Naomi (Noni) Ancrile - March 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ My condolences to the family. We knew Jerome mostly from the times we were fishing. Him and Doe went fishing together a few times. We always looked to see where he was fishing because we knew he was catching fish. I got to know him from when he would stop over at Jerry's garage. Him and Jerry went hunting bear once and from the sounds of it not alot of bear hunting was done. We have really missed not seeing him when we would go ice fishing. Our prayers are with you all at this difficult time.

Dorothy Wing & Pat Wendorf - March 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ It is my privilege to work with Peg, Smoke's wonderful daughter. My deepest sympathy to your family.

Terri Hedman - March 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Peg,
Please know your grief will be replaced with loving memories that will always be with you. You look a lot like your Dad! It appears that you have his big heart as well, take care....

Mary Sahl - March 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ to Peg and Pam, so sorry to hear the news about your dad. I feel I know him because of you two, he & your mom must be special people to raise 2 such wonderful daughters like you! Celebrate his life and remember all the good memories!

Kim Sheldon - March 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *Thinking of all of you in our time of sadness!*

jane holt - March 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM