



Melvin Fuller

May 3, 1925 - August 15, 2009

Melvin Arthur Fuller a resident of Lakewood Health Care Center in Staples, and formerly of Verndale, passed away at age 84, on August 15, 2009 at the Care Center. He was born at home in rural Minnesota on May 3, 1925 to Wesley and Bessie Reynolds Fuller. Melvin served in the United States Navy from January 15, 1945 to August 20, 1946. He was united in marriage with Marian Chilberg on September 20, 1946 at Balsamlund Lutheran Church in rural Aldrich. He served on the Bartlett Township Board for 35 years, and was a member of the Mid-American Dairy Association, the VFW, the Men's Club, and Balsamlund Lutheran Church. He rang the church bell and made sure the church was warm when others arrived. His livelihood was made in dairy farming. He enjoyed playing cards with family and friends, taking rides on the gator, eating holiday meals, four-wheeling, fishing, watching Wheel of Fortune, and Price is Right. He loved lutefisk! He especially enjoyed spending time with his children and grandkids. Melvin was preceded in death by his parents, Wesley and Bessie; sons, Kevin and Jeffrey; sister, Lois Sulzle; and brother, Robert. He is survived by his wife Marian; son David (Pamela) of Verndale; daughter Melanie (Steven) O'Keefe of Staples; 9 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren; sisters, Thelma Damlo of Perham, Audrey Wilcox of California, and Laverna Curtis of Arkansas. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, August 18, 2009 at Christian & Missionary Alliance Church in Verndale with Pastor Del Moen officiating. Interment was in Balsamlund Cemetery. Pallbearers were Kevin Fuller, Jeff Morris, Ben Johnson, Michael

O'Keefe, Kevin O'Keefe, and Aaron Fuller.

Tribute Wall

ME

“ Uncle Mel . . . we will miss you. I remember so well when I was just a little girl and was so shy, and would cry when we visited any relatives. You, Uncle Walt and Uncle Herman would take me upstairs and give me gum. It must have helped as I quit crying. I don't remember seeing you without a smile, such a gentle person and truly the love of Jesus shown through you. I will miss you; I am so grateful to have your beautiful wife as a friend. She is just like talking to my own Mom when we visit on the phone. I know we will see you again; probably you will meet our Taner there in Heaven. . . My love . . . Mavis

Mavis Eiswald - August 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers to Mel's family. What a great person, father and grandfather to enjoy this journey with. I'll remember the big smile of Mel, his hand hitting his thigh with his big laugh and his appreciation of 'good food'. You were a lucky family to have Mel in your lives and I hope the many good stories of Mel carry you through this time. Our love to you all.

Randy and Joan Snyder - August 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM