



Merrill Judkins

June 28, 1917 - December 27, 2010

Merrill Edwin Judkins was born on June 28, 1917 to John Edwin and Alveda (Carlson) Judkins in Princeton, MN. He passed away on December 27, 2010, with his family at his side, at St. Cloud Hospital in St. Cloud, at the age of 93. Merrill graduated from high school at the University of Minnesota North Central Experiment Station at Grand Rapids, and was employed at the school before and after his military service. Merrill served in the United States Army beginning in 1941 until his honorable discharge in 1945, with assignments in Hawaii and Iwo Jima. He and Marjie Ruth Heinzer were united in marriage on October 12, 1946, in Grand Rapids. They lived in the Wadena community for over 58 years and many will remember Merrill as the owner & operator of J & J Feed Supply for 32 years. He was a member of the VFW, Ajax Coffee Club, and Wadena Rotary. He served as a Commander of the Wadena American Legion, and was a founding member of the Wadena Elks Club. Merrill was an avid Minnesota Twins fan, and enjoyed golfing, fishing, and hunting. Merrill was preceded in death by his parents John and Alveda; son Daniel Edwin Judkins; and brothers Charles, Wesley, Dwayne and Virgil. He is survived by his loving wife Marjie of Wadena; son Michael (Jane) of Maple Grove; five grandchildren, Janette Leslie (Peter Frueh), Jason Leslie, Benjamin Judkins, Laura Judkins, and Matthew Judkins; and sister Ruby Carter of Portland, OR. Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. on December 30, 2010, in the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Wadena, with Pastor Marli Danielson officiating. Military honors were provided by the Elmer Goche Post

3922, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Wadena, MN. Pallbearers were Jeff Roberts, John Judkins, Peter Frueh, Jason Leslie, Benjamin Judkins, and Matthew Judkins. The family requests that memorials be made to the American Cancer Society or Boy's Town.

Tribute Wall

LJ

“ I feel truly blessed for all the time I had with my Grandpa. He was such a kind, patient, and honorable man. I have learned so much from him. I feel sad he has left us, and will miss his delightful laugh and sense of humor. But I am comforted knowing he is resting peacefully now.

Laura Johnson - December 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ What an warm, welcoming, generous, happy man who always made me feel as if I was another one of his grandchildren. He is honored and will be forever missed!

Jessica Leigh - December 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ Judd was a man that loved his family & had a family who loved him! We hadn't seen him recently but in the past when he was still traveling down to the Twin Cities we enjoyed many Holiday dinners with him & Marjie & the rest of the family. He will be missed by us all!

Shari Roberts - December 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ Merrill was my first boss when I started working out. I worked for him at J&J Feed Supply from 1978 until he retired. He was one of the most fair and fun bosses I have ever worked for. I enjoyed going to work everyday. My deepest sympathy goes out to Marjie, Mike and his family. He will be missed.

Alan Malone - December 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ We regret that illness and weather have prevented us from being with the family today.

We will miss Merrill's bits of wisdom and humor which we enjoyed at family gatherings.

Marjie, Mike, Jane and Children: May you all be comforted by the many happy memories of pleasant times together with Jud.

You are in our thoughts and prayers and we are with you in spirit.

All our Love,

Perry, Karen, Jeremy and Joshua

Karen (Perry) Gobel - December 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Marjie

So sorry I hadn't heard this sooner as I would have come to the memorial service. I'll be thinking about you and will get in touch later. You had a wonderful marriage and many memories you will cherish. Judd was truly a gentleman and was respected by all. May he rest in peace.

Bonnie Schlecht - December 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ Dear Marjie, Mike, Jane and Family: Our Family is deeply sorry we could not be with you at Jud's Memorial due to the inclement weather. We want you to know that as your hearts are filled with great sadness over the loss of your Husband and Father, our hearts are also filled with great sadness, and we extend the deepest sympathy.

We will remember Jud for his gentle kindnesses, generosity, and the love he showed to all family members, young and old. He was truly an admirable person, and we look forward to seeing him again at the time of the resurrection which our Savior and Lord, Christ Jesus spoke of in the Bible book of John, chapter 11 and verse 25 where it says: "Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. He that exercises faith in me, even though he dies, will come to life." May the many happy memories of Jud bring you comfort and peace as you reflect on the wonderful time you had together. Love, Tressa, Kim and Family, Kris and Flora

Tressa - December 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM