



Millard Brouk

February 9, 1917 - April 19, 2011

Millard Brouk was born on February 9, 1917 to Frank and Laura Brouk of Fenton, Missouri. Millard passed away, surrounded by his grandchildren and step daughter, at the age of 94, on Tuesday, April 19, 2011 at Douglas County Hospital in Alexandria, Minnesota. Millard joined the National Guard in 1940. He was soon sent overseas with the Army to join the war effort. He returned to Missouri in 1945. In March of 1946 he married his first wife, Velma. After working for the government for a while they decided to go into farming. They purchased a farm in Sebeka, Minnesota and farmed there for several years. Millard and Velma lost a son in childbirth. Velma passed away from cancer in 1973. Millard first met Fran at a garage sale in about 1975. Their mutual friends, Harold and Bethel Erickson were instrumental in introducing them. After a long courtship they were married in Minneapolis, Minnesota on January 31, 1981. Millard and Fran lived on a farm near Deer Creek for many years and later purchased a home in Wadena. In 1999 Millard began living at Fair Oaks Lodge in Wadena. Fran joined him there in 2003. They moved to Bethany Home in Alexandria, Minnesota in 2007 to be closer to Fran's daughter and their treasured grandchildren. Millard was active in his church and was involved in the planning and building of the current Wadena Seventh Day Adventist Church. He was also very passionate about his volunteer work for the American Cancer Society. He loved to spend time with his grandchildren. He will be missed and remembered as the best grandpa there could ever be! Millard was preceded in death by parents, Frank and Laura;

first wife, Velma and unnamed infant son; second wife, Fran; brothers, Vernon, Burnell and Robert; sisters, Thelma and an un-named infant sister. He is survived by a step daughter and son-in-law, Lois & Gary Bjorklund; sister, Viola Schmitt, niece and nephew, Jan and Jerry Schmitt; grandchildren, Amanda, Sunshine, Matthew, Jen, Sarah, Mike, Luke and Lisa; and great grandchild, Conrad. Visitation will be Thursday, April 21 at noon with funeral services to follow at 1:00 p.m. at Johnson Memorial Home in Wadena. Pastor Jeff Scoggins will officiate. Internment will be at Compton Cemetery later this spring.