



Murlyn Pudas

December 1, 1925 - October 19, 2008

Pudas, Murlyn A., 82, of Sebeka, Mn. and formerly of Wadena, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday morning, October 19, 2008 while at Centra Care in St. Cloud MN. Loved by family, he will be missed by many. Visitation is Wednesday, Oct 22 at Johnson Funeral Home in Wadena from 4-8PM with a Celebration and Remembrance service at 7PM. Funeral services will be Thursday, Oct 23 at 11:00 AM at St. John's Lutheran Church in Wadena. He will be buried in Wadena Cemetery. Murlyn was born Dec. 1, 1925 in Sebeka, to parents Arthur and Ellen Pudas. He is preceded in death by his mother in 1932 and his father and stepmother Bertha; 1st wife Lorraine in 1974; grandson Ethan; and stepson Warren. He is survived by his wife Ruth, his steady partner since their marriage June 11, 1977; children: Richard (Nancy) Pudas of Eden Prairie; Ranaye (Dick) Klueenberg of Barnum; Randy (Mary) Pudas of Menasha; Rhonda (Tom) Ellenbecker of St. Joseph; Russell (Kerry) Pudas of St. Cloud, Robert (Char) Pudas of St. Cloud; and stepdaughter Nancy Peterson of Denver; brothers Franklin (Marit) Pudas of Sioux Falls and David (Ann) Pudas of Brooklyn Park; sisters Violet (Russell) Johnson of International Falls and Sharon (Phil) Rabon of Williston; 25 grandchildren and 3 step grandchildren; 16 great grandchildren and 3 great step grandchildren. Murlyn graduated from Sebeka H.S. in 1943 and served as a combatant in the Pacific theater of WWII with G-2-5, 1st Division, USMC and received the purple heart. He and wife Ruth faithfully attended G-2-5 reunions over the years, and he will be sorely missed by his brothers-in-arms.

He worked as a clerk for Great Northern Railroad and later at the U.S. Post Office in Wadena before his health forced his retirement. He was also self employed with a carpet cleaning business. He has been a long standing member of St. John Lutheran Church in Wadena and earlier at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Bertha where his beautiful baritone voice was heard for more than sixty years in church choirs and in solos at weddings. He was a member of VFW, American Legion, and Disabled American Vets.

Murlyn loved music and the arts. He participated in the Northern Lights Chorale in recent years, and his latent talent for woodcarving earned him a reputation locally and abroad. Many of his carvings are cherished by children and adults, and he was busy carving pieces for the Wadena Arts and Crafts Show just days before his death. Mostly though, Murlyn was interested in people and sharing his life with others. In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to Marine Company Scholarship Fund or a charity of your choosing in his memory.

Tribute Wall

PB

“ *Murlyn had a beautiful voice and I spent many days with the family as a child.*

Patty (Bundy) Brockob - October 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ *I own many of Murlyn's Santas I always enjoyed seeing him each year at the Christmans Festival. I am very sorry to hear of your loss, he will be missed.*

Lynda Toedter - October 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ *I am so sorry to hear about Murlyn's passing. I talked to him at Myrtle's funeral. You all have my sympathy.*

Linda

Linda Kuhn - October 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ Just today I heard the news. I am so sorry for your loss. I picture each of you in my mind and remember you all fondly. Murlyn was such a nice man. He was so positive, so friendly. And was he proud of his family!! He usually had recent pictures or news to share when I would run into him and Ruth at a DFL function, the Christmas Festival in Wadena, or a restaurant. He had a zest for life. He lived his life well and knew where he was going.....we know he is there now.

My love to all of you.

Mary Ellen Kollodge

Retired Speech Clinician

Mary Ellen Kollodge - October 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SO

“ Murlyn was a great friend to my husband Paul when Paul was going through with adult confirmation classes at church to become a member . Murlyn somewhat took Paul by the hand and told him I will go to the bible study classes with you and we will make this thing happen . Since that day Paul and Murlyn had a special connection I would say I could see it in there eyes and by the way they would always say hello to each other. Murlyn was a special man and he will be missed but heaven has another angel and we all have another angel looking out for us down here and his family have my deepest symphiese in this time.

Loads of Love,

Sharyl Olson

Berthas

Sharyl Olson - October 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Great person I first met in late 60's, comes with a big heart. Had great memories fishing together, also real appreciated his unique wood carving.

Michael D. Mackay - October 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM

OT

“ My thoughts and prayers are with all who loved him dearly! I pray time will ease your pain and sorrow.

Our thoughts to u all family for your loss. May it be peaceful t - October 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ Murlyn was a great story teller. We will all miss his laughter and his love of visiting with others. My son Kade really bonded with Murlyn. When he was about 3 years old, he came to a Pudas reunion and told Murlyn (he was grilling Chicken) that it was the bestest chicken he ever had! Ever since then, Kade has really enjoyed his relationship with Murlyn and honored his military service. He would watch the history channel and ask me if Murlyn was in that war.

I will always remember coming to the farm to visit . I remember turning cartwheels in the front yard as a young girl, and now watching my kids create similar memories. I have so appreciated Murlyn's efforts to plan annual family reunions. He was a special man! Our thoughts and prayers go to Ruthie and the family. He will be missed by all!

Blessed are they that mourn; for they shall be comforted Matthew 5:4

Kristi (Rabon) Russow - October 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ To Mrs.Pudas and family,
Our hearts, thoughts and prayers are with you. We will miss Mr.Pudas and his stories from when we would stop in. Megan and Mason would bring up Mr.Pudas in their stories and especially trick or treating and getting something special from the Pudas house. We will never forget playing ring around the rosie with Mr.Pudas and the child like smile Murlyn had on his face when we were done singing. He would listen to the kids stories and talk to Megan and Mason for long periods of time. We are greatful to have known such a wonderful man. We will treasure our wood carvings that Murlyn made for us and will never forget him.....Gods peace be with you!
Love,
Molly, Mike, Megan and Mason Heino

Molly, Mike, Megan & Mason Heino - October 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ I am saddened to hear of the death of Murlyn. What a wonderful person he was and always had a smile on his face. I remember seeing him and Ruth on Wednesday evening for taco's at the old Sebeke Legion and then occationaly at St. Johns Church in Wadena. I will keep you, Ruth in my thoughts and prayers and always remember Murlyn!

Christie

Christie (Crabb) Hennagir - October 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ *Dearest Family, Ruth Clark let us know about Murlyn's going to be with our Lord. I just need to tell you how much I thought of Murlyn. Being the choir director of St. John Choir for several years, it was a true joy looking up and just about always seeing Murlyn's smiling face. He was a true Christian in every way. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.*

When we moved down here to Kansas almost 3 years ago, I thought about the people who I would not see again, except in heaven, but I sure didn't think that Murlyn would be one of them. We can only thank God that he is in God's Hands now in every way.

Again, you are all in our prayers and I thank God that I got to know Murlyn as a friend and a fellow believer in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Jan Heins

Dale and Jan Heins - October 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM