



Noel Erickson

November 28, 1919 - September 26, 2010

Noel Lawrence Erickson was born, the eldest of seven, to Edward and Velma (Cox) on November 28, 1919 in Fullerton, ND. At the age of six, his family moved to the Bluegrass area where he attended country school through the eighth grade, and assisted his parents and neighbors with farm chores. Noel served honorably in the United States Army during World War II from November 13, 1941 to June 21, 1945, assisting in the Guadalcanal and Northern Solomons campaigns. He was united in marriage with Hilda Schroeder on April 7, 1946 in Wadena, MN. He worked for 23 years as a mechanic at Stuntebeck Ford and later worked on a Department of Natural Resources survey crew, working at parks and agricultural sites, for 13 years. In his younger years he enjoyed bowling, hunting, fishing, watching ball games with Hilda, and tending to their farm. His retirement was filled with spending time with his family, and having coffee with buddies at the Uptown and Boondocks Restaurants. Most recently, he enjoyed playing Bingo at the Fair Oaks Atrium Apartments. Noel was preceded in death by his wife Hilda on July 3, 1998; his parents Edward and Velma; step-father Ed Heagle; brothers Stanley, Manley, Alfie, and Earl; and sisters June Johnson and Vergie Peters. He is survived by his son Dale (June) of Wadena; three grandchildren, Scott (Karrin), Heidi, and Crystal; five great-grandchildren, Aiden, Kyra, twins Esten & Ellington, and Cash; sisters-in-law, Liz Erickson, and Maxine Erickson, both of Wadena, Sylvia Erickson of Kallispell, MT, and Shirley (Del) Erickson-Rick of Litchfield; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Memorial services were held at 11:00 a.m. on October 1, 2010, at St. John Lutheran Church in Wadena, with Pastor Stephen Meltzer officiating. Honorary pallbearers were Randy Erickson, Steve Erickson, Brian Erickson, Ron Johnson, Duane Cox, Jerry Cox, Wayne Mills, Larry Huebner, and Paul Erickson. Military honors were provided by the Elmer Goche Post #3922, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Wadena, MN.

Tribute Wall

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“ Our thoughts and prayers from the Ralph and Birdie Heern Family. This is a sad time but you were blessed, as we were, to have your Dad for a lot of years. Keep the good memories in your heart.
Doug, Donna and Wanda

Donna Trana - September 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ Thanks to family for calling me (even if it was a bad connection). Noel and my husband served together in WWII; Noel introduced us, and was in our wedding. I remember him with fondness, and also miss my good friend Vergie.
Love and blessings to all the family.

Elaine Harvego Selander - September 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dale and June,
The passing of a parent is so very hard even though you know they are in a better place. I always enjoyed visiting with you and your dad. The two of really showed much love for your dad and took care of him very well. Thoughts and Prayers are with you.

audrey davis - September 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ I will always remember Noel for his compassion after my fathers (Edwin Rychner) death. He was always a kind and generous man. God has blessed us though him.

Corinne Johnson - September 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM