



## Norbert Heltemes

December 14, 1919 - March 25, 2006

Norbert Mathias Heltemes, age 86 of Bluffton, passed away early on Saturday morning at his daughters home in Staples after a long and courageous battle with cancer. Norbert was born on December 14, 1919 to Joseph & Margaret (Wegscheid) Heltemes in Bluffton. He was united in marriage to Patricia Ann Goldie on October 23, 1951 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Bluffton. Norbert and Pat worked the family farm and he also did carpentry work for 40 years before retiring. He was a member of the St. John's Society, St. John's Holy Family Catholic Aid, Bluffton Senior Citizens and the Bluffton Lions Club. Norbert was known for his strong faith in God, his love of the Bluffton community and the St. John's Church family. He enjoyed playing cards, telling stories and visiting with friends and relatives. His greatest pride was his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Norbert was preceded in death by his parents; wife Pat on Feb. 18, 2002 and his brothers Victor and Gilbert. He is survived by his daughters; Susan of Silver Spring, MD, Carol of Wadena, Joann (Henry) Schornack of Staples and Linda of Brooklyn Park; grandchildren Shannon Schornack, Tricia (Rob) Jasmer, Becky (Ryan) Windschitl and Michael Heltemes; great-grandchildren Dylan & Breanna Jasmer; sisters Lidwina Buettner of Wadena, Jeannette (Sylvester) Budig of Baraboo, WI, Julie (Jack) Josephson of Little Falls; brothers Sylvester (Cecelia) of Wadena, Alvis (Eileen) of Castle Rock, WA, Richard (Coy) of Castle Rock, WA and a sister in law Joanne Heltemes of Hewitt. The Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Wednesday, March 29th at 11:00 AM in the St.

John the Baptist Catholic Church in Bluffton with Fr. Albert Holmes & Fr. Peter Kirchner as celebrants. Chaplain Bradley Skogen will also participate.

Pallbearers will be Jerry Heltemes, Larry Heltemes, John Heltemes, Bill Heltemes, Joe Heltemes and Ray Buettner. Burial will take place next to his wife Pat in the St. John the Baptist Catholic Cemetery following the services. The family extends a heartfelt thanks to the Lakewood Health System Hospice team for their extraordinary care. The family requests that memorial gifts be directed in remembrance of Norbert to Lakewood Health System Hospice.

# Tribute Wall

PC

“ *My thoughts & prayers go to the entire family during this most challenging time. I hope you find peace and comfort in your family and friends to help you cope with your grief. He is truly home now and will also live forever in your heart and your memories.*

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**Penny Cook** - March 25, 2006 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Our sincerest condolences are with your family.*

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**Epicor Great Lakes Team** - March 25, 2006 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ *I may not have known Norbert very well personally, but I fell I know him very well through his daughter Linda. He leaves a wonderful legacy in his daughter Linda. She has been a close friend of mine for over 20 years. Her kindness, loyalty, work ethic and love for her family and friends is a true reflection of what was instilled in her through a loving father.*

*May Linda and her entire family receive the peace that passes all understanding from our heavenly father.*

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**Rhonda Holt** - March 25, 2006 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ *We send our deepest sympathies at this time of loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.*

*Steve + Diane Rukavina*

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**Steve + Diane Rukavina** - March 25, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ *What a wonderful tribute to Uncle Norbert. I have many memories of him and will treasure them always. I wish we could be there with you. You will be in our hearts and our prayers are with you at this time of grief. We love you..*

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**Mary & Lewie Hope and girls** - March 25, 2006 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ *Dear Susan,  
Our deepest condolences.  
Arthur and Tammy*

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**Arthur Schatzkin and Tamara Harris** - March 25, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ *What a lovely tribute to Uncle Norbert. I wish I could be there to give you all hugs. I can't make it to the funeral, but I will be there in spirit and will have you all in my heart. We love you and your in our prayers!*

*Debbie & Ed*

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**Debbie & Ed Kalka** - March 25, 2006 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ *I have many memories of the times we spent together, whether it was playing cards or out in barn milking cows. I will treasure all these memories forever. I truly wish I could be there for the girls in there time of grief. I will truly miss you Uncle Norbert.*

*Susan, Carol, Joann and Linda, You are in our thoughts and prayers. We love you all.*

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**Barbie Seidl** - March 25, 2006 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ *Norbert was a fine man and very family oriented person. My experiences as a nephew of my Uncle Norbert were of a very hard working farmer. Norbert was constantly working and would be a hard person to keep up with at the pace he worked. He lived about 3 miles from us and I fondly remember our visits to the family with dad and mom. Norbert will be missed, but not forgotten. May he rest in peace.*

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**Ron Buettner** - March 25, 2006 at 12:00 AM

GG

“ *You have our condolences in this time of your great sorrow. Your father has gone on to greener pastures, and is done with the valley of death. May his soul rest in peace.*

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**George Gaffaney** - March 25, 2006 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ *Our sincerest condolences*

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**Robert Alba** - March 25, 2006 at 12:00 AM