



Ralph Scheer

August 19, 1917 - January 3, 2008

Dr. Ralph A. Scheer, 90, of Wadena, passed away Thursday, Jan. 3, 2008, as he slept. His career had three main phases. He was a military officer, a corporate executive and a professor. After graduating from the University of Wisconsin with a degree in bacteriology, he began working in the food industry. His career was interrupted by World War II. He was an Army Air Force armaments officer. He was on active duty for five years, and in the Air Force Reserves another 15 years. He retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in the Air Force. After his active military service, he continued his corporate career until he decided on a mid-life career change. He completed a master's degree in psychology at North Dakota State University in Fargo. He was instrumental in establishing the first hospital-based in-patient residential alcoholism treatment unit in Fargo. He retired in Wadena, where he volunteered his counseling skills working with the district court and social services systems as a guardian ad litem, researching family and child protection issues. He was also a life member of the Wadena Elks Club and Wadena VFW. One of his last activities was taking an honor trip to Washington, D.C., to visit the World War II Memorial. His family, friends and Wadena farm were important parts of his life. He married Helen Boen at the Little Church around the Corner in New York City on Oct. 14, 1942, and they had one son, Kent. Family and friends will hold a community celebration of his life next summer on the family farm. Survivors include his wife and son, both of Wadena; and sister, Dorothy McConnell of Maryland. He was preceded in death by his father, Alfred

Scheer; mother, Ida Nicolai Scheer; and brother, Jim Scheer.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Ralph always impressed me with his genuine interest in learning more about the person he was talking to. He was an interesting man, a friendly man with a great deal of curiosity. I'm glad I got to visit with him on a few occasions. Helen, I am so sorry for your loss. I will be thinking of you and Kent*

Mary Ellen Kollodge - January 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ *We are sorry to hear about the loss of Ralph. He was a great guy. We enjoyed his friendship. He will be missed.*

Dennis & Judy Tiede - January 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM