



Ralph Schwartz

February 28, 1918 - February 27, 2007

Ralph Douglas Schwartz passed away on Tuesday evening, February 27th, at Fair Oaks Lodge in Wadena. Ralph was born to his parents Albert & Emma (Johnson) Schwartz on February 28, 1918 on the family farm in rural Bluffton. He attended rural school until the 8th grade and continued to work the family farm. Ralph entered the US Army on June 8, 1942 and served, starting in North Africa, until his discharge on October 21, 1945. He was united in marriage to Betty Marie Rohr on September 24, 1946 in Wadena. He started his own business, Wadena Electric, where he worked for 50 plus years. He was a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church and a life member of the VFW. He enjoyed his time working and visiting with friends and family. Ralph was preceded in death by his wife, Betty, on Aug. 5, 2000; his parents and his sister Marilyn Schultz. He is survived by his son Joseph; grandchildren Jessica Weappa, Cara Pena & Gabe Schwartz; great-grandchildren Adrianna, Finnian & Indigo; brothers Roy (Eunice) of Wadena, Richard (Louise) of Mesa, AZ, Roland of Eugene, OR and Rodney (Pam) of Donna, TX. The Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Tuesday, March 6th at 11:00 AM in the St. Ann's Catholic Church in Wadena with Fr. Donald Wagner as celebrant. Military Honors will be provided by the Elmer Goche Post 3922, Veterans of Foreign Wars. Burial will take place in the Calvary Cemetery in the spring.

Tribute Wall

RJ

“ I ran across this obituary while sending a special message to a loved one who passed on this week. I don't know if this late message will be passed onto family or not, but my condolences go out to you all. It's been many years since I last saw Ralph, and with a last name of Schwartz, he must have been full of vim and vinegar like the rest of the clan. God rest your soul. Love, Rita
PS I'm the eldest of the Art Schwartz family (Bill and Emma). I moved to Oregon in 1983 and am still here. Stop to see my son, Austin Johnson, of Johnson and Son Well Drilling on Hwy 71 in Sebekka. I visit MN, 1-3 times annually. Oregon is a great place to live, right Roland?

Rita Johnson - February 27, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ We will miss your great sense of humor and your vivid recollections of past times that you shared with us.

Denise & Tom Webster - February 27, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ Ralph was the uncle that would always tease us. He was always alot of fun. I was fortunate enough to see him last August while I was visiting my Mom and Dad. He still would joke, have that possitive spirit about him. I will remember him as that person. While at home there was the article in the Pioneer Journal on him and his cute smiley face is etched in my memory. I will miss him but he can now be with Betty. All my love and prayers to those that share in this sorrow. Kathy

kathy (Schwartz) Kortas - February 27, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I'm sorry I won't be home to attend Ralph's funeral. I know he is much happier now. Having to go to the nursing home was really hard on him--I talked to him many times when he had been there. We will miss him!!*

Rose Johnson - February 27, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I knew Ralph as a gentleman who loved his family with a deep devotion. I always enjoyed our conversations and his stories of times gone by. Ralph was a kind and generous soul and my thoughts and prayers are with you as you celebrate his time on earth.*

Jane Erckenbrack - February 27, 2007 at 12:00 AM