



## Ralph Simon

July 17, 1915 - October 17, 2009

Ralph Simon of Wadena, MN, passed away on October 17, 2009 at Tri-County Hospital in Wadena, at the age of 94 years. He was born to Joseph and Elizabeth (Winter) on July 17, 1915 in Waubun. Ralph served in the United States Army and was honorably discharged in 1945. He was united in marriage with Rose Klunenberg on October 4, 1948 in Bluffton. Ralph will be remembered as serving the community as a taxi driver and as a school bus driver for many years. He enjoyed antiques, auctions, fishing, playing cards, dancing, furniture restoration, and story-telling. He was a member of the community for 53 years and belonged to the VFW and Disabled American Veterans. Ralph was preceded in death by his loving wife, Rose, in February 1996; his parents, Joseph and Elizabeth; a son, Terry, in 2003; brothers, Elmer, Art, Roy, Leander, and Clarence; and sisters, Adeline and Lauretta. He is survived by son Jeffrey (fiancee' Sharon Rohl) of Brainerd; daughter Celeste Simon (husband Ralph Eisenschenk) of Sauk Rapids; 11 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren; sister Priscella (Clarence) Staska of Mahanomen; and special friend, Fern Greiner. The Mass of Christian Burial was held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 21, 2009 in St. Ann's Catholic Church in Wadena with Father Donald Wagner as celebrant. Pallbearers were Scott Kern, Matthew Umbreit, Ralph Eisenschenk, Nicholas Eisenschenk, Tim Schwartz, and Don Zuehlke. Interment was in the Calvary Cemetery in Wadena.



# Tribute Wall

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“ *Ralph was the greatest guy I have ever met. He dated my Aunt Fern for many years. I always wished he would have married her. They were best friends. He had many great stories when we went to visit him and Aunt Fern. (they both will be missed dearly.) Ralph I considered to my my Uncle through marriage and I will miss him. Wish I would have been able to come over to the funeral for both. He will forever live in our families' hearts. My prayers go out to his family.*

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**Connie Carver** - October 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ *My Dad had Ralph as a bus driver when he was a kid, then I had him as a bus driver myself! I always thought it was cool that I had the same bus driver as my Dad!*

*My condolences to the family! May God bless you in your time of sorrow!*

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**Jenny (Roggenkamp)** - October 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I REMEMEBR RAPLPH WHEN I WAS RALPH WAS A GREAT PERSON AND EASY TO GET ALONG WITH.HE WAS ALWAYS WORKING ON PROJECTS TO FIX OR TO MAKE FOR HOUSEING. HE LOVED TO BUY FARM EQUIPMENT TO FIX UP AND REPAINT AND SELL. I WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER RAPLH SIMON. GOD BLESS, SCOTT*

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**SCOTT KERN** - October 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I have many fond memories of Grandpa Ralph. His zest for life was an inspiration. He will be missed.*

*My condolences to Aunt Celeste and Uncle Jeff. I know how difficult it is to lose a father. Our prayers will be with you during this difficult time.*

*Mary Rose*

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**Mary Czaplicki** - October 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM