



Ray Brink

October 9, 1919 - July 15, 2006

Raymond Arthur Brink passed away at his home surrounded by his loving family on Saturday, July 15th. Ray was born to his parents Arthur & Lavina (Axelvold) Brink on October 9, 1919 in Grand Rapids, MN. After graduating from high school Ray entered the Air Force where he served from 1940 - 1945. Ray was united in marriage to Marilyn Louise Benson on Oct. 13, 1951 in Forest Lake. Ray and Marilyn have made their home in Wadena for the past 52 years. Together they owned and operated Brinks Jewelry until his retirement. Ray has been a very positive and active member of his community. He was a member of the Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club, United Way, American Legion, VFW, Senior Citizen Center secretary but mostly both Ray and Marilyn have been extremely active in their church where he served on the church council, call committee and many other committee's. Ray also enjoyed his time spent with his daughters and his grandchildren, playing golf with his friends, playing cards and bowling. Ray was preceded in death by his parents; his son Daniel and brother Glen. He is survived by his loving wife of 55 years Marilyn; daughters Bonnie (Gary) Anderson of Lindstrom and Julie (Ross) Bertelsen of Apple Valley; 6 grandchildren; brother Allen of St. Cloud; sisters Jean Bibbs of Portland, OR & Lois Wanquist of Great Falls, MT; sister in law Alice Brink of Lamy, NM. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, July 18th at 2:00 PM in the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Wadena with Rev. Daniel DeBlock officiating. Burial with military honors supplied by the Elmer Goche Post 3922, VFW of Wadena, will be held in the Wadena Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Brooks & Britta Anderson, Joel & Mara Bertelsen, Al & Bob Simson, Kirk Thompson & David Schramm.

Tribute Wall

MB

“ You are all in our thoughts and in our prayers. You are very blessed to have many special memories of your Dad. He was a terrific person with a wonderful personality. May God bless you and your family during this difficult time.

Michele and Tom Barry - July 15, 2006 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ my deepest sympathy marilyn. think of you and wonder how you are.

carol fjelstul - July 15, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Dad (Reg Mead) and I were sad to see the notice in the paper today. Ray was an amazing man, so intelligent, so kind, and caring. He had a way of making everyone feel welcome. We will miss him. St. Peter will now have some help at the gate though...sending you our prayers and thoughts,
Mary

Mary Mead McKay - July 15, 2006 at 12:00 AM

PD

“ Julie the first time we met Ray and Marilyn we had the feeling that we had known them for years. I still remember your dad's smile and warm personality. You are blessed with many fond memories. We know our words can't take away your loss, but we hope that our caring will help to give you strength.
God Bless You All,
Paul and Sue Deutsch

Paul Deutsch - July 15, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JV

“ Marilyn and family,

So sorry to hear about Ray's death from my mother Opal Forsell. The two of you were special neighbors to her for many years. I'm so glad that she had a chance to visit with Ray just a few days before he died. My thoughts and prayers are with you and the family.

Jenny

Jenny (Forsell) Vergin - July 15, 2006 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ *We all feel so lucky to have had someone like Grandpa in our life. He was always positive, caring, and loving and provided us with so many positive memories. We will always have a special place in our heart for him.*

*With Love,
Brooks, Britta, and Maria*

Brooks, Britta, and Maria Anderson - July 15, 2006 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *Julie, You have all been in my thoughts & prayers since I first hear that he was ill. You will stay in my prayers and may God hold you strong.*

Su Stigney - July 15, 2006 at 12:00 AM