



Richard Keppers

November 22, 1927 - November 7, 2012

The Mass of Christian burial for Richard Keppers of Wadena will be celebrated on Monday, November 12, at 11:00 AM at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Wadena with Father Timothy Wenzel as celebrant. Friends may call at the Johnson-Schuller Chapel in Wadena on Sunday, from 4:00-8:00 p.m. with Parish Prayers at 6:00 and Foresters Rosary at 7:00 p.m. Visitation will resume at the church on Monday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of Mass. Richard passed away on Wednesday, November 7, 2012, at Tri-County Hospital in Wadena.

Richard "Rich" Alois Keppers was born to Jerome and Marie (Fruth) Keppers on November 22, 1927, in Maine Prairie Township, Stearns County, MN. In February 1946, he joined the United States Navy and served until his honorable discharge in December 1947. Rich and Phyllis Katherine Schmitz were united in marriage on June 2, 1964, at St. Frederick's Catholic Church in Verndale. Our area communities will remember him as the owner, machinist and welder at Keppers Machine Shop. When not at work, he found enjoyment outdoors by hunting and fishing. He was a member of the Catholic Order of Foresters.

Rich was preceded in death by his parents Jerome and Marie; step-mother Emma (Hommerding); brothers Urban and Willard Keppers; and sister-in-law Kathy Keppers.

Surviving are his devoted wife Phyllis of Wadena; sons Robert (Erica) of Wadena, Dennis (Cathy) of Findlay, OH, Craig (Dona) of Anchorage, AK, and Glen of Fargo, ND; six grandchildren; brothers Ralph (Pat) of Shoreview, Vic of Havre, MT, Leroy of Wadena, and Dave (Mary) of Leader; sisters Evelyn (Tom) Malone of Wadena, Rita (Jim) Flanagan of Aurora, and Virginia (Syl) Krier of Ham Lake; sisters-in-law Alice Keppers of Tucson, AZ and Darlene Keppers of Wadena; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Honorary pallbearers will be Rich's grandchildren, Derek, Ben, Noah, Austin, Julie and Carlos. Serving as pallbearers will be Ken Keppers, John Malone, Phillip Schmitz, Eric Oja, Derek Blazek and Noah Keppers. Military Honors will be provided by the Elmer Goche Post 3922, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Wadena, MN.

Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery in Wadena.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

Franklin Dr. & 6th St SW
Wadena, MN 56482

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 11. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Johnson-Schuller Chapel
205 4th Street Southwest
Wadena, MN 56482
(218) 631-3632

Visitation

NOV 12. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Ann's Catholic Church
514 1st St. SE
Wadena, MN

Service

NOV 12. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Ann's Catholic Church
514 1st St. SE
Wadena, MN

Tribute Wall

JB

“ *Dennis and Cathy,
We are praying for you and your family in this time of sorrow.*

Jim, Denise, Katelyn and Melissa

Jim Bono - November 12, 2012 at 12:27 PM

BG

“ *We are sorry for your loss and will keep all of you in our prayers
during this time.*

Kirk, Barb, Gabi and Hannah

Barbara Gazette - November 12, 2012 at 10:25 AM

DL

“ *Dan & Pat Lorentz lit a candle in memory of
Richard Keppers*



Dan & Pat Lorentz - November 10, 2012 at 09:40 PM

CB

“ *Dennis and Cathy - Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for
your loss...our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family
during this difficult time.*

Love and hugs, Ben, Claire, Augusta, Chris and Tristan

Claire Bono - November 10, 2012 at 12:28 PM

DB

“ Thinking of you during this trying time. Hugs to all. Dave & Irma Bromenshenkel, Sauk Centre, MN

David & Irma Bromenshenkel - November 09, 2012 at 09:10 PM



“ Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard Keppers.



November 09, 2012 at 10:23 AM

MM

“ I am sure Roger was there to meet Rich as he went thru' the gates of Heaven. Bet they caught up with all the deer hunting stories. Of course some were told over and over but with great interest and laughs. Roger always said that Rich was a one shot one deer hunter. A box of bullets lasted many a year. I remember one year tho' that Rich used three bullets. Yep,,three deer. Roger always talked of the Kepper boys with lots of respect.

My prayers are with you all at this time. Carrying this cross takes awhile. Just remember others have carried this cross and will be there for you if you need us.

Marge Mohs-Harrison.

Melissa made the comment back to me," Richard passed away during his favorite time of the year. Deer hunting time."

Marge Mohs-Harrison - November 09, 2012 at 01:32 AM

PS

“ *Professional Agronomy Services lit a candle
in memory of Richard Keppers*



Professional Agronomy Services - November 08, 2012 at 12:44 PM

JS

“ *Jim Stoneman lit a candle in memory of
Richard Keppers*



jim stoneman - November 08, 2012 at 07:12 AM