



Richard Minnette

June 11, 1929 - March 25, 2011

Richard Minnette was born on June 11, 1929 to George and Ida (Drewes) Minnette in Staples, MN. At the age of 15, Dick began working at the Verndale Sun newspaper. After high school he continued at the newspaper and became employed at the Verndale theater. In later years, he managed the Municipal Liquor Store in Verndale, retiring in 1991. In December of 1951, Dick joined the United States Marines. He was stationed in southern California, and honorably discharged in December of 1953. He was a member of the American Legion and served as treasurer. In leisure time, Dick loved computers, taking photos, and listening to the radio. Dick was a resident of Fair Oaks Lodge in Wadena, and passed away at the age of 81, on March 25, 2011. Dick was preceded in death by his parents George and Ida Minnette Gibbs; and sisters Florence Hotchkiss and Luella Minnette. He is survived by brother Leo of Fair Oaks Lodge in Wadena, and half-brother Gene Gibbs of Marysville, WA.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Family and friends,
I knew Dick a long time ago when he worked at the Rand Theater in Verndale. My grandmother worked there so, as a little kid, I got to tag along. Dick, very patiently, allowed me to follow him as he performed his duties in and around the theater. It was an awesome experience to learn how to change movie reels, splice film, pick the music for the pre-movie time. Thank you, Dick, you are a wonderful piece of my memories of growing up.
God bless you!*

Mike Mueller - March 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Dick was often seen at Verndale events with camera in hand. His many pictorials can be found on the computer..just look them up. We treasure the ones he made us,and his animated cards were spectacular. And yes, more than once he saved me from real computer disasters. He would arrive at the door with lighting speed when called for help. His encouraging words to me were "Sally, now get back on there and make more mistakes,make bigger ones" Dick had a good sense of humor too!! The man with the camera and the little car will be sadly missed.*

Sally Schaffhausen , Len Siegler - March 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM