



## Robert Diederich,

December 30, 1940 - March 2, 2008

Funeral services for Robert Diederich, Sr., of Hewitt and formerly of Foreston, were held at 3:00 PM on Friday March 7, 2008 at the St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Bertha. Robert passed away at his home on Sunday, March 2, 2008 at the age of 67 years. Robert Anthony Diederich, Sr. was born on December 30, 1940 in Haven Township, Sherburne County, MN to Carl and Catherine (Thelen) Diederich. He was united in marriage with Katherine A. Olson in Princeton, MN on April 30, 1966. Bob worked as a laborer and later a crane operator in commercial construction. His career gave him the opportunity to see and work on some of the more prominent sites in Minnesota like the power plants in Monticello and Becker. He was a member of the 49er's and Laborer's Local 563. In retirement, He and Katherine moved to their rural Hewitt home 6 years ago. He enjoyed fishing and the outdoors as well as spending time with his children and grandchildren. Bob was preceded in death by his wife Katherine on September 14, 2003; parents Carl and Catherine Diederich; children Janine and Matthew; and brothers Alvin Diederich and Kenneth Diederich. He is survived by his sons Robert (Leah) of Sauk Rapids, Joel (Marla) of Foley, Neil (April) of Sauk Rapids and Kyle of Hewitt; daughters Rachel of Sartell, Becky (Jon) of St. Cloud and Jessica of Elk River; 10 grandchildren; brothers Jerry (Carol) Diederich of Pine River, Leo (Marlys) Diederich of St. Cloud, Rich (Mitzi) Diederich of Coon Rapids, Tom (Donna) Diederich of St. Cloud, Donald Diederich and William Diederich, both of Sauk Rapids; sisters Marlene Maurer and Dave of Swanville, Betty (Dick)

Koopmeiners of Sioux, SD, Carol (Fred) Grant of Beaver Dam, WI, and Rita (Harvey) Legatt of St. Cloud. Pallbearers were Brian Jacobson, Eric Jacobson, Scott Diederich, Chad Diederich, Wayde Maurer and Ed Diederich. Interment was in the Trinity Lutheran Cemetery in Hewitt.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Bob was a gentle, loving father & husband to his wife & family. He took life in strides, being able to handle most problems that arose. He was a good younger brother, having polio at the young age of 5-6 with an iron lung to survive him and doctoring at Gillete State Hosp in St Paul, we are so fortunate he recovered as well as he did from this devastating disease. His wife Kathy was also just as adorable & loving to all. I (we) will miss both Bob & Kathy, but so thankful we did know them so well.

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**Marlene Maurer** - March 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ The one time I talked to Bob, he seemed like a very fun loving guy. I called his house to talk to Jess, and she was sleeping. I asked Bob to wake her up, that she wanted me to call so she got up at the right time. He told me that I needed to drive up there from the cities to get her up. Then he told me that he would hold the phone to her ear so that I could wake her up myself because he didn't dare! And you know what, he actually held the phone to his sleeping daughters ear for 5 min until she woke up!

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**Heather & Chuck Madden** - March 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ Bob and Katherine helped me so much most of my life. They were both very loving and caring. Lots of fun to visit and laugh with. After they moved to Hewett I didn't see as much of them and I'm truly sorry for that.

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**MARSHA OLSON** - March 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM