



Ronald Stokes

January 9, 1926 - February 19, 2011

Ronald "Swede" Stokes was born to Joseph and Naomi (Finn) on January 9, 1926 in Oak Valley Township, near Hewitt, MN. He passed away at the age of 85, on February 19, 2011 at Lakewood Care Center in Staples. Swede and Arlene Barnes were united in marriage on October 29, 1949 at the Methodist Parsonage in Wadena. He lived his entire life in the area and enjoyed traveling to various cafés to try different foods. He worked at a saw mill until his retirement and planted trees in his free time. Spending time with his family was most important to him. Swede was preceded in death by his parents Joseph and Naomi; a brother Raymond; and an infant grandson. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Arlene; sons Ronald "Warren" of Staples, Marvin (Kim) of Bertha, and Jon (Charlotte) of Baxter; daughter Karen (Gary) Brown of Buffalo; eleven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren; sister Alice (Paul) Hershman of Wyoming; and several nieces and nephews. Memorial services were held at 11:00 a.m. on February 25, 2011, in the Domian-Anderson Funeral Home in Bertha, with Pastor Jim Johnson officiating. Honorary pallbearers were Swede's grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Active pallbearers were Mike Stokes and David Brown. Inurnment will be at Oak Valley Cemetery near Wrightstown, MN.

Tribute Wall



“ *I just want you to know how sorry I am about Uncle Swede passing. My prayers are with all of you at this sad time.*

February 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to you, Aunt Meenie, and all my cousins. I am so glad I got to see you and Uncle Swede when we were all in Minnesota. I will always remember, with fondness, going to your house in Hewitt and family gatherings at Grandma and Grandpa Barnes' house. My love to you all.*

Linda Dunning - February 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *My deepest condolence to all the families , but especially to Michelle, Angie and David .I hope that you don't feel that I am intruding at a sad moment in you life. I would like it very much if you could please contact me . Again I am very sorry for you loss. sincerely, Darin Hukriede*

Darin Hukriede - February 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM