



## Sam Waln

December 2, 1917 - May 23, 2006

Sammuel J. Waln Sr. died on May 23, 2006 at Fair Oaks in Wadena, MN at the age of 88. He was born on December 2, 1917 in Brewster, IA to Edward and Mae Waln. When he was a young child the family moved to Wadena, MN. Sam served in the Marine Corp from September 26, 1941 thru March 25, 1943 when he was honorably discharged after a serious injury. On August 30, 1945 Sam married Laura Emily Brasel in Wadena. After Sam and Laura married he became a crane operator and was self employed. They were blessed with four beautiful children. Throughout his life Sam was involved in a variety of things: in the early 60's he was a Scorpion Snowmobile dealer, he ran a fire extinguisher business, was a member of the St. John's Lutheran Church and worked as an employee of the Wadena County Demo Landfill. Sam was a member of the American Legion, Wadena Fire Dept., Elks, and served as a Wadena County Commissioner. Sam was involved in the expansion of Whiskey Creek which is now Sunnybrook Park in Wadena. His true passions were hunting and fishing. Not only was he an avid sportsman in Minnesota but he spent as much time as he could hunting and fishing in Canada for anything that offered him the opportunity. As Sam grew older he spent less time hunting and fishing and more time with his grandchildren and great grandchildren. Sam is preceded in death by his parents, Edward and Mae Waln, brothers; Charles, George, and Francis, Sister; Marge, and grandson Chad Becker. Sam is survived by his wife Laura, sons; Jim (Helen) Waln, Renton, WA.; Ed (Joy) Waln, Wadena, MN; Bonnie Becker (Mike

Irlbeck), Eagle Bend, MN; Sam Jr. (Kathy) Wain, Wadena, MN; 8 Grandchildren and 8 Great-grandchildren.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I wish I could be there to share the memories of grandpa with everyone. He was a great man and will truly be missed. He lived a good life and was always surrounded by friends and family. There is no doubt that he is in a much better place now and looking down on us from his deerstand in the sky. God blessed us by letting gramps stay with us as long as he did. I guess maybe J.C. and company needed a hunting partner. I love you Grandpa, Grandma, Dad and everyone in the Waln Family. You all are in my thoughts and prayers. God bless.

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“ Laura and family,

*I just want you all to know that I thank you for welcoming me into your family with such open arms. I consider you my family now, not just as Luke's wife. Sam was more like a grandpa to me than my very own and I have always looked forward to our visits to Wadena to see him and all of you. I will miss his smiling face and wish I could be there with you all today because you are all I can think about.*

*May God give you strength today and peace in the days ahead.*

*With Love,  
Tracy Waln*

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