



Sidney Packard

February 15, 1921 - October 17, 2011

Sidney Richard Packard, 90, of Wadena passed away Monday, October 17, 2011. Sidney was born the second of two sons to Erwin and Florence (Harvey) Packard at Hewitt, Minnesota on February 15, 1921. The family farmed in Oak Valley Township. Sidney married Bernice Maroney on September 4, 1948. They worked a diversified farming operation with dairy, hogs and beef and raised two sons and two daughters. The land had been in the family for many years and was recognized as a Century Farm in 1988. Active throughout his life in the community in which he was born, Sidney was a member of the National Farmers Organization, Knights of Columbus, Wadena Whirl-A-Way Square Dance Club, Pork Producers and was a 4-H leader. He enjoyed woodworking, square dancing, researching family history, and spending time with family and friends. He and Bernice delighted in being able to travel. Trips to England and Alaska were particular highlights. They retired from the land in 2000 and moved to Wadena. They celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary in 1988 and never dreamed they would have 63 years together. In February of this year, family and friends gathered to help Sidney celebrate his 90th birthday. His comment at the time was, "I never thought I'd live to be this damn old." Sidney is survived by his wife Bernice; sons Mark (Audrey) of Mantorville and Bruce (Nona) of Papillion, NE; daughters Nancy (Ron) Leasman of Long Prairie and Christi (Bill) Dickey of Fergus Falls; 15 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother Frank, twin siblings, and son Terence who

died at birth. The Mass of Christian Burial was held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, October 21, 2011 at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Wadena with Father Donald Wagner as celebrant. Pallbearers were Mark Packard, Jr., Jeff Packard, David Packard, Bradley Packard, Michael Leasman, and Charles Stombaugh. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Wadena.

Tribute Wall

CE

“ *Bernice & family,*

I'm sorry to hear of your loss. Thoughts of you & Sid, and your family, bring back fond childhood memories. May the many memories you share sustain you at this sad time.

Cheryl

Cheryl Zacharias Erickson - October 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ *Michelle and Bruce,*

We are so sorry to hear about the loss of your grandfather/father. No words can take away the pain, but please remember that you and your families are in our thoughts and prayers. He must have been a great man to have you two as his legacy.

*sincerely,
your coworkers and friends*

Jon Kragt - October 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ *My thoughts go out to all of you as you say goodbye to Sid. It was always so much fun to come and visit on the farm. I hope your memories will provide you with comfort as you say goodbye and remember what a wonderful person, father, friend and great uncle that Sid was to everyone he met. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Sue Maroney-Smith (Gale and Rose Maroney's youngest daughter)*

Sue Maroney-Smith - October 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

HL

“ *Our sympathy to your family on your loss. Harold & Carolyn*

Harold & Carolyn Long - October 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ *You have our deepest sympathy for you loss.*

We enjoyed having you come see us at the office and working with you for many years.

This is the time to look for the good memories. Take comfort in each other.

Jim and JoAnn White - October 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

VM

“ *Bernice, Nancy and family, So sorry to hear about Sid's passing. His love for his family was very evident and we hope all the wonderful memories bring you comfort in the days ahead. Our love and prayers are with you. Ross and Vicki Munson*

Vicki Munson - October 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ *Unfortunately it has been too many years since I have seen Sid. I do have fond memories of visiting the farm and always feeling very welcome. Bernice and family, may your fond memories of Sid comfort you at this time.*

*With Deepest Sympathy,
Julie (Maroney) Neville
Gale Maroney's Daughter*

Julie (Maroney) Neville - October 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM