



## Stanley Windels

July 29, 1927 - August 17, 2012

The memorial service for Stanley Windels was held at 2:00 PM on Thursday, August 23, 2012 at the United Methodist Church in Wadena, with Pastor Shirley Nelson presiding. Stan passed away on Friday, August 17, 2012, at the age of 85, at Fair Oaks Lodge in Wadena. Stanley Windels was born on July 29, 1927 to Frank B. and Frances (Jungels) Windels at their home in Blowers Township, Wadena County, MN. He attended District #192 Country School through the seventh grade and completed the eighth grade at District #10 in Wadena County. Stan served honorably in the U.S. Army, working in the heavy equipment division, until his discharge in 1956. Stan and Helen L. Wiebe were united in marriage in April 1957, in Winnipeg, Canada. They returned to Wadena and made their home on a 300 acre farm that Stan bought from Lee Zosel. Stan worked as a dealer for Mallard Seed Corn for many years. His love of music will long be remembered by the community, as he played his accordion for the Empty Stocking Fund each Christmas season since it's inception in 1945. He shared his music by singing in the church choir and entertaining folks with accordion music at area nursing homes. In 1965, he was selected Wadena County Conservation Farmer of the Year. He was a member of the Minnesota Sheriffs Association, American Legion, NAHC life member, and an at-large life member of the VFW. Stan was preceded in death by the love of his life, Helen on July 29, 2012; his parents Frank and Frances; sisters Mildred Bloomer, and Marjorie Gonnerman; and step-mother Helen Skei-Windels. Stan is survived by his sisters Arlene (Ted) Fischer of Wadena

and Janet (Ken) Ament of Ottertail; brother Frank Windels of Wadena; along with many nieces and nephews. Honorary pallbearers were Stan's nieces & nephews. Military honors were provided by the Elmer Goche Post 3922, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Wadena, MN. Burial was next to his wife in Leaf River Township, Wadena, County, MN

# Tribute Wall

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“ In 1974, on Allen's and my honeymoon visit to Wadena, I remember visiting Stan and his family out at the farm, one afternoon. His dad Frank, and step-mother Helen, wanted Allen (Helen's son by Andrew Skei) and me to meet Frank's family. I remember meeting "Junior" (Frank, Jr.), as well. We were made to feel so welcome and I enjoyed the outing.

*So much time has gone by that I remember little else but I wanted to express my condolences to Stan's family and say that I remembered our nice afternoon on the farm.*

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**Nancy Skei** - August 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Our deepest sympathies to the family of Stanley and Helen. What good memories we have of knowing them as our neighbors on the Frank Windels farm and at their farm below the steep hill. Stanley was a very talented man and shared his music with us at various occasions including our 4-H meetings and family reunions. Helen was so considerate with her nursing skills. May you find comfort in your memories as you grieve in this time of loss.

*With Sincere Sympathy  
The George Auel Family*

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**Janice Auel Hofer** - August 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ I NEW STAN FOR MANY YEARS. HE PLAYED ACCORDIAN AND BEN AND MARRYS HOUSE ALOT WHEN I WAS A KID. VERY NICE PERSON TO TALK TO. HE WAS AGREAT GUY.

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**SCOTT KERN** - August 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM