



Stu Krause

October 13, 1919 - April 6, 2008

Stuart Krause of Ottertail, MN and Mesa, AZ, passed away unexpectedly of natural causes in Mesa on Sunday, April 6, 2008. Stuart was born in Rush City, on October 13, 1919 to Carl and Cecilia Krause. The family moved to Hankinson, ND in 1920 where Carl and Cecilia's sister, Elizabeth Soderquist, owned and operated Krause Drug. In 1929 the family moved again to Wadena. Carl and Elizabeth bought a drugstore which they also named Krause Drug. It was later renamed "Krause Drug and Gift Gallery" until it closed in 2004. Stuart known to all his friends and family as "Stu" attended St. Ann's grade school through 8th grade and graduated from Wadena High School in 1938. He was a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church for 65 years, a member of the Knights of Columbus, and was a devout Catholic his entire life. In 1946 Stu married Okie Prall, his best friend and love of his life for almost 62 years. They wintered in Mesa for 22 years. In 1994 they moved their Minnesota residence to Ottertail where Stu enjoyed feeding the ducks, orioles, and hummingbirds. He loved fishing, golfing, duck and goose hunting in ND, and grouse hunting and picnics near the Crow Wing and Shell Rivers. Stu will be remembered as a kind and generous and caring man who loved the time spent with his wife, his children, and other family members. He did everything with intention. He treated people with respect in his home, his work place and everywhere in between. He enjoyed all things around him and his phone calls with family always ended with "I love you". In 1940 a high school buddy, Gene Holz, encouraged Stu to join the National Guards and on

November 11th, the morning of the Armistice Day blizzard, he drove to Moorhead to enlist. They parked the car in Fargo and walked through the blizzard across the Red River bridge to the Moorhead Armory. Stu was called to active duty in February, 1941. Shortly after the attack on Pearl Harbor he manned an anti-aircraft battery overlooking the San Francisco Bay. His tour of duty included North Africa, Sicily, Sardinia, and France. He spent 3 years and 10 months overseas and was honorably discharged in 1945 with the rank of First Sargent. Stu was a permanent member of the Disabled American Veterans, a member of the American Legion, and a lifetime member of the VFW. After the war he returned to Wadena and became his father's partner in Krause Drug. He is survived by his wife, Okie; daughter, Josie (Curt) Cimbura of Wahpeton, ND; sons, Dave (Dusty) of Hewitt; Chuck (Darla) of Wadena, Dr. Jim (Laura) of Charleston, SC; five grandchildren, Jorma (Brenda) Krause, Rozzi and Mac Cimbura, Emily and Eric Krause; 2 great-grandchildren, Natalie and Alyssa Krause; sister, Jeanne (John) Cumming of Superior, WI; brothers, Chet (Rosie) of Scottsdale, AZ, Warren of Palm Bay, FL, Ray (Vonnie) of Madison Lake, Ken (Mary) of Wadena, and Joe (Cathy) of Bloomington, IL. Stu was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Howard. Pallbearers will be Stu's grandsons, Jorma Krause, Mac Cimbura, and Eric Krause, and good friends, Jessie Erickson, Jack Krogman, Kyle Massey, and Bernie Pavek. Visitation will be held on Friday from 5:00-7:00PM at Johnson Memorial Home in Wadena. The Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, April 19, 2008 at St. Ann's Catholic Church with Father Donald Wagner as celebrant. Interment will be at Calvary Cemetery in Wadena.

Tribute Wall

MW

“ *Stu, was a very dear friend, always had a smile, never complained & we'll miss him so much. He's home with Jesus, & someday we'll all be together.*

Marv& Marilyn Weisert - April 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ *Just a great guy we will miss him very much. Had many great times playing golf at F.O.S. Will never forget the time a few years back when we stopped by and had a great time never ate so much fish in all my life .God bless your family.*

Art & Lois Mueller - April 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ *I remember my Uncle Stu as always having a smile on his face. I always looked forward to seeing him in the drugstore when we would visit every summer. He always let me pick out a stuffed animal and he would tell me he would give me the "Krause Discount" which was always free. He took us for rides in the country in the back of his pick-up where we would look for deer. I also remember him for taking us on long boat rides which we always enjoyed. He was a great man with a great smile and he will be missed.*

Mary Krause Jamison - April 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ Okie, we are SOOOO very glad to have known your Stu even the little we did. What a fine fellow he was!

You are in our prayers, Okie.

Love, Lois and Jim Long

Lois and Jim Long - April 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ *Stu always had a calming aura about him and his caring ways were contagious. He will be missed by his friends and especially his family, but memories will keep him dear to our hearts.*

Jane and Tyke

Tyke and Jane Kumler - April 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ *I haven't seen Grandpa in a little while. About two years I figure. For this I am truly ashamed. There was never anything that important going on that we couldn't have stopped in just to say hi. I suppose living so far away doesn't help, but its realy no excuse.*

I remember going up to the "farm" with him on a regular basis. Mowing the lawn, checking gopher traps, sitting on the swing under the giant pine trees. I really don't ever remember him getting upset or losing control. He was always mild mannered and pleasant.

He will be missed greatly by myself and all of my family. I hope he is happy, and surrounded with love.

We love and miss you, Grandpa.

Jorma Krause - April 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ *Stu holds a special place in my heart. He was nice to be around and talk to. He was so kind, generous, hospitable and loving. I remember how he looked after his parents and my grandmother, how he loved to barbeque, and how he loved the hobby farm. I got such a kick out of how he enjoyed the ducks he had for a time and how he had a kids pool with a diving board for them and they'd walk up the board and go into the pool. Stu was such a special person. I wish I would have kept in better touch. I know he lived a long life but I'm sorry he's gone now. I know he will be missed by many people because he was so special. I pray for you, Okie, and your family that the Holy Spirit will comfort you and help you through this difficult time. I wish I had been able to be there.*

Mary Casey - April 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM

OK

“ *To all my wonderful friends, Thanks for writing in Stu's guest book! He was a very dear loving person and the 61+ years we spent together were the best. We had some sad times when our son Jim had his swimming accident but there were so many good ones too. Our children and their families will miss him dearly because we are a very loving, close knit family, but we have helped each other through these sad times. Your compassion and concern have truly been a wonderful help. Thank you and God bless each one of you!!*
Okie

Okie - April 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM

VK

“ *So sorry to see that Stu has passed away.*

Vic & Karen Knudson - April 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM