



## Thomas Uselman

August 3, 1923 - April 13, 2009

Thomas Peter Uselman, age 85, of Wadena, MN died peacefully on April 13, 2009 at the St. Cloud Hospital. Thomas “Toby” was born of twelve children to Louis and Elizabeth (Hanebuth) Uselman on August 3, 1923. Tom was born in the family farm house and farmed with his father during his early life working with neighbors running threshing business and working with his brothers. He eventually purchased the farm from his father, as agriculture became his passion. He was always very close to his brothers and sisters. He was united in marriage to Genevieve “Jennie” Budig on October 5, 1953 at St. Ann’s Catholic Church in Wadena. Thomas and Jenny raised six children on the family dairy farm west of Wadena and were happily married for fifty-five years. Tom also worked with Arnold Theisen Electric during his earlier years in farming and the two farmed together as close friends and neighbors. In later retirement years Tom and Jenny moved into Wadena and resided in southeast Wadena, and after seven years enjoyed many friendships in the community of Humphrey Manor. Tom was always involved in the church at St. John the Baptist Church in Bluffton, where he served on the parish council, and St. Ann’ Catholic Church. He was a member of Knights of Columbus. Tom was known for his openness, honesty, and willingness to help neighbors. His sense of humor and smile was always present as he enjoyed spending time with his friends and family in many activities of fishing, hunting, and playing cards during family visits. Farming and family were always the fabric of his life. Tom was preceded in death by his parents, Louis and Elizabeth; brothers,

George, Frank, Nick, Leo, Peter "Spitz", and Mike; and sisters, Marie (Bill) Walz, and Elizabeth "Betty" (Ron) Ronayae. He is survived by his loving wife Jennie; children, Christopher (Darlene) Uselman of Bell Foursche, SD, Bruce (Joyce) Uselman of Wadena, Tim (Tamara) Uselman of Perham, JoAnn (Gerald) Radermacher of Grand Rapids, Jean Uselman of Pine Dale, WY, and Lisa (John) Wegscheid of Wadena.; 13 grandchildren, and 5 great-grandchildren; sisters, Laurie (John) Brauch, "Susie" (George) Ditsworth, and "Dottie" (Gary) Towery; and many nieces and nephews. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Thursday, April 16, 2009 at 11:00 AM at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Wadena with Father Donald Wagner as celebrant. Pallbearers were his grandsons, Chad Uselman, Larry Uselman, Lance Uselman, Michael Wensman, Thomas Uselman, and Tony Wegscheid. Interment was in Calvary Cemetery in Wadena.

# Tribute Wall

CU

“ Thank you grandpa for everything you have done for and given our family. We will never forget you. You will always be in our memories and prayers.

*I'll always remember when we would go pick rocks in the fields with grandpa during the spring, or help him bale hay and help around the farm. Or to listen to one of his many stories about his kids. Like Lisa sticking the raisin up her nose or Chris and the boys rolling tires down the hill and into the creek. Or to be there and see how proud he was when he shot the 10 point buck. Or the "hi-de-ho's" when we would walk in the door.*

*He always had a story to make us laugh. While I will miss those days, he will always be in our memories.*

*We will never forget you grandpa. We love and miss you very very much and will miss you with all of our heart. God bless you Grandpa and all that you have done for us. I love and miss you very much! See you again someday down the road!*

*~~~ Chad M. Uselman*

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**Chad M. Uselman** - April 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Ginny and family,  
Tom was a very friendly person and always had a smile and a hi to pass on.

*May he rest in peace. I pray that God will be with you all in accepting the will of God.*

*Love to you all,  
Marge and Harry Harrison*

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**Marge Mohs-Harrison** - April 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ Uselman family,

*I am so sorry to hear the news of the loss of your husband, father, grandfather, and all around wonderful man. I have many fond memories of Tom and the whole family during my many stays at the farm. He was always very interested in how you were and what you were doing everytime you saw him. And you always knew he was sincere. He will be missed by many.*

*My condolences to all of you!*

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**Shelly (Rowan) Allen** - April 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JU

“ *My deepest sympathy for your loss. Your family will be in our prayers.*

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**Jeremy Umland** - April 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ *We're so sorry for your loss. Tommy was a good neighbor and friend and we are sure he left many sweet memories to sustain you as a family. We pray for God to strengthen your faith and give you comfort and peace as you lean on each other. Tommy and Jenny raised a great family. You are all in our thoughts and hearts in the days ahead.*

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**Duane and Donna Trana** - April 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

VC

“ *A smile comes to my face when I think of all the good times our families spent together. Tommy touched our lives in a special way. May all of you find comfort and strength in memories and friendship during this difficult time.*

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**Vicki (Theisen) Chesney** - April 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ *Tommy was such a super guy and heaven sure has a great angel now! Me and Anita were always honored to share our bdays w/ him, in fact we were just home for Easter and somehow his name came up about that. What a great guy to know! Deepest sympathy to you all and take care. Love-Annette*

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**Annette Siegel** - April 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ *Jennie and family,*

*We are so sorry to hear of Tom's death. He was a good man and like others have said in their tributes, "always had a good story to share"! He will be truly missed.*

*Love to you all,*

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**Connie Gottfried** - April 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ Tommy was very good friends with my dad, Harold Tigges, and Tommy and Jennie and Harold and Mary spent many good times together. I always remember Tommy as being happy and laughing. I'd like to think that he is up in heaven and having a cup of coffee with my dad as they catch up after 16+ years. Tommy was such a kind soul. My sympathy goes out to the entire family. May you find peace in your memories.

*Jody Tigges*

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**Jody Tigges** - April 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ My deepest sympathy to the entire Uselman family. Tommy was such a special guy, and I will always have fond memories of the wonderful times we had with the Uselman family....from our baseball games we played in the fields, to watching Tommy milk the cows, and our New years Eve traditions. You always had a smile on your face, Tommy, and left me many great childhood memories. I'll think of you every August 3rd, the day we shared our birthdays. See you when we meet in heaven again. Love, Anita

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**Anita & Mike Hietpas & boys** - April 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Dear Jenny & Children

*Was out of state and missed the funeral. Wanted to let you know you are all in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Tommy was a wonderful man, and it was a pleasure to know him. I enjoyed his spirit and the joy he brought to other people. His presence could light up a room. We were all very Blessed to have him in our lives.*

*Sincerely,  
Donna Resch and Family*

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**Donna Resch & Family** - April 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PG

“ Dear Jenny and family,

*We are so sorry to hear of Tommys passing. He had such a great sense of humor and was so well liked by all my family. Bob and I were on our way home from Florida when this happened and I just got my computer connected to find out that he passed. He and your family will be remembered in our prayers.*

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**Patricia A & Robert D. Guler** - April 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM