



Walter Goedel

December 29, 1923 - February 3, 2013

Funeral services will be held Friday, February 8, 2013 at 11:00 am at St. John Lutheran Church, with Pastor Stephen Meltzer officiating. Visitation is Thursday, February 7, 2013 from 4:00 to 7:00 pm at Schuller Funeral Home and from 9:30 to the time of service at the church on Friday. Walter Goedel passed away on Sunday, February 3, 2013 at Fair Oaks Lodge in Wadena, Minnesota.

Walter was born December 29, 1923 to parents Oscar and Anna (Feyerherm) Goedel on the home farm southwest of Wadena in Compton Township.

He attended country school and graduated from Wadena High School in 1942. He farmed for many years and then went into the farm machinery business under the name of Goedel Implement.

Walter was very generous with his time and resources. He believed in giving back to the community, and a top priority was the youth. He donated time and financial assistance on many projects such as establishing the Cyber Café on main street in Wadena, the Train Depot Museum, Wadena County public transit (Friendly Rider) and was very supportive of the Wadena Area Chamber of Commerce. As a county commissioner from Compton Township, he worked towards relocation of the Wadena airport. He cleared the land for a park on Highway 29 which was named for him. In this endeavor he coordinated and

supervised the efforts of many community organizations and individuals. He loved his church and was a generous supporter and lifelong member of St. John Lutheran Church. In 2002, Walter was named Grand Marshall of the Wadena June Jubilee Parade in recognition of his community service. Along with other efforts to support the youth, he was a generous supporter of Lutheran Island Camp in Henning, Minnesota and was on their board of directors.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, pitching horseshoes, watching boxing matches, playing pinochle, traveling, and spending time with family and friends. He had a wonderful sense of humor and always had a great comeback line.

Walter was preceded in death by his parents, sister Elaine Olson, and nephews David Olson and Gary Christensen. He is survived by his sister Marlene (Loren) Christensen, nieces, one nephew, and many cousins.

Pallbearers are Ivan Reinke, Dean Ersfeld, Tim Fultz, Gregg Spencer, Les Schwartz, and Gary Zacharias.

Burial will be in Wadena Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials go to Lutheran Island Camp or St. John Lutheran Church in Wadena.

Cemetery Details

Wadena Cemetery

Franklin Drive & 5th St. SW
Wadena, MN 56482

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 7. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Johnson-Schuller Chapel
205 4th Street Southwest
Wadena, MN 56482
(218) 631-3632

Visitation

FEB 8. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. John Lutheran Church
710 Franklin Ave. SW
Wadena, MN 56482

Service

FEB 8. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. John Lutheran Church
710 Franklin Ave. SW
Wadena, MN 56482

Tribute Wall

TF

“ The first time I met Walter I do not remember it because I was a baby. I have known him for over 60 years. He took me fishing. Once we flipped a boat when we were fishing together. Last summer I went to see him and we shared that and other memories. He and my dad were best friends for years and every summer he and dad would visit and fish until they were unable to do so. He was a kind and generous person and I will miss him. He always came to my son's birthday party when we were visiting at Wadena and he was a good friend of my grandparents. May Walter rest in peace.

*Ted Fleener
Elkader, Iowa*

Ted Fleener - March 18, 2013 at 05:17 PM

KZ

“ Walter was also happy when he was out visiting with the many people that knew him, and he always had smile when you saw him.
Karen Zimdars, Warroad, Minn

Karen Zimdars - February 14, 2013 at 06:09 PM

DG

“ Walter was a thoughtful, spiritual and generous man who contributed his time, talents and money in so many ways. He was a dear man that I hope is always remembered — he has left so much behind. *Dee Goerge*

Dee Goerge - February 11, 2013 at 08:01 AM

LG

“ I have so many lovely memories of my uncle Wally, especially growing up. I remember him showing us his belt buckle collection or sharing his latest story. Uncle Wally had a big heart and a sweet spirit. He will be greatly missed here on earth.. while heaven rejoices at his homecoming! With Love, Linda (Christensen) Gandy

LINDA GANDY - February 08, 2013 at 11:38 PM

TC

“ Tom Christensen lit a candle in memory of Walter Goedel



Tom Christensen - February 08, 2013 at 01:36 PM

LF

“ Lisa Flanigan lit a candle in memory of Walter Goedel



Lisa Flanigan - February 08, 2013 at 10:37 AM

JL

“ Jessie and I got to know and love Walter through Monday quilting at St. John Church. Walter always made time to carry on a conversation, tease and exchange hugs with Jessica who was about eight when they first met. At age 15 she will always have the memories to cherish. We will continue to stop by his park to enjoy a snack in between our town itinerary and remember all the special things about Walter.

Jane & Jessica Langer - February 06, 2013 at 09:49 PM

AK

“ *Amy Kleinke lit a candle in memory of Walter Goedel*



Amy Kleinke - February 06, 2013 at 08:57 AM

MB

“ *Michael & Veronica Bondzin lit a candle in memory of Walter Goedel*



Michael & Veronica Bondzin - February 05, 2013 at 08:30 PM

BC

“ *Walter was a dear man who loved the Lord. He had a true love of young people and worked with them in Wadena as well as through his membership on the board of directors of Lutheran Island Camp. He provided the camp with a beautiful pontoon and lift which has been a real blessing over the last many years. Whenever he came out to camp, he would share stories of his youth, of hunting, and fishing. He was certainly ready to spend eternity with his Lord.*

Bill Schultz, Lutheran Island Camp - February 05, 2013 at 09:45 AM

RD

“ *Robert And Kathy Derby lit a candle in memory of Walter Goedel*



Robert and Kathy Derby - February 04, 2013 at 03:25 PM

MF

“ *Michael & Marie Fraune lit a candle in memory of Walter Goedel*



Michael & Marie Fraune - February 04, 2013 at 11:20 AM

JR

“ *Jack And Judy Richter lit a candle in memory of Walter Goedel*



Jack and Judy Richter - February 04, 2013 at 09:59 AM

GD

“ *George And Julie Deiss lit a candle in memory of Walter Goedel*



George and Julie Deiss - February 04, 2013 at 08:21 AM