



## Walter Heltemes

February 2, 1921 - September 17, 2010

Walter Herman Heltemes was born to Mathias and Frances (Vorderbruggen) Heltemes on February 2, 1921, in Bluffton, MN. Walt was united in marriage with Isabelle Eleanor Budig on August 23, 1943 in Wadena. He served in the United States Army beginning on December 5, 1944 until his honorable discharge on October 17, 1946. They made their home in Wadena where Walt worked as a mechanic. He was a member of the VFW and spent his free time fishing, hunting, playing cards, and gardening. Walt passed away on September 17, 2010, at the age of 89, at the Elders Home in New York Mills. He was preceded in death by his wife Isabelle on February 25, 2009; his parents Mathias and Frances; brothers Andrew, Louie, Jerome, Leonard, and Arthur; sisters Mabel and Irene; and son-in-law Steven Simmons. He is survived by his sons Gary (Judy) of Cross Lake, Dale (Kathleen) of Andover, Mark (Lisa) of Vail, AZ, and Cahil (Michelle) of Otsego; daughters Shirley Simmons of St. Louis Park, and Karin (John) Cooley of New York Mills; 17 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren; brothers Irvin of Cudahy, WI. And Mathias of Galena, MO; and sister Marian Brockpahler of Sebeka. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 10:30 a.m. on September 21, 2010, at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Wadena, with Father Donald Wagner as celebrant. Military honors were provided by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Elmer Goche Post 3922, of Wadena. Honorary pallbearers were Ryan Heltemes and Noah Minkler. Active pallbearers were Shawn Simmons, Brian Simmons, Calvin Cooley, Jason Cooley, Brent Cooley, Chad Heltemes, and Daniel Heltemes.

Interment was in Calvary Cemetery in Wadena.

# Tribute Wall

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“ We are so sorry to hear of Walter's passing. I spent a lot of time at Karin's house in high school and Walt was always good to me. Sorry I can't be at the funeral but as Karin knows, I am laid up at this time. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the entire family. God Bless!!

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**Cathy Woods** - September 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM