



## Wendell Jenson

March 16, 1941 - June 27, 2009

Wendell Jenson of Phoenix, AZ, and formerly of the Wadena area, was born on March 16, 1941 to Kenneth and Edna (Sowers) Jenson in Oylen, MN. He passed away, unexpectedly, at the age of 68, on June 27, 2009, on the Alaskan Highway in the Yukon of Canada. Wendell was united in marriage to Janice Altenbrun on September 5, 1985 in Sisseton, SD. He resided in Minnesota for 66 years, working as a truck driver and mechanic, and will be remembered as the owner of A-1 Service Center west of Wadena. His past 2 years were spent in Arizona. His interests were motorcycles, NASCAR races, and guns, and he enjoyed drinking coffee while visiting with relatives and friends. Wendell was preceded in death by his parents, Kenneth and Edna; brothers, Dewey and Norman; and an infant sister. He is survived by his wife, Janice of Phoenix, AZ; sons, Kenneth (Pam) Jenson, and Jacob Jenson, both of Wadena; stepsons, Richard (Debbie) Altenbrun of Columbia Heights, Terry (Lorraine) Altenbrun of Phoenix, AZ, and Larry (Rose) Altenbrun of Minneapolis; 11 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren; brothers, Myron (Marcella) Jenson of Pioneer, CA, and Kermit (Margie) Jenson of Wadena; sister, Audrey (Ken) Boggs of Burlington, Ontario, Canada; a special mother-in-law, Phyllis Riediger of Bisbee, ND; sisters-in-law, Sharon Simon of Billings, MT, Carol Berns of Young, AZ, Linda (Ken) Myer of Bottineau, ND, and Claudia Sarkilahti of Coon Rapids; brother-in-law, Arlan Riediger of Gillette, WY; many nieces & nephews; and a host of friends. A Memorial Mass was celebrated at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, July 21, 2009 at St. Ann's Catholic

Church in Wadena with Father Donald Wagner as celebrant. Honorary pallbearers were Wendell's grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Interment will be at a later date.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Hello Jan. I was surprised to see that Wendell had died. Please accept my sympathy. I remember well those many mornings you and Wendell had breakfast at the Uptown Cafe at that table across from the waitress station. After Mary and Guy sold the cafe, we ended up having coffee at the Boondock's. I would occasionally see Wendell at McDonald's. He always had a friendly hello and wasn't afraid to laugh and enjoy visiting. We must appreciate every day the Good Lord give us, right?

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**Joyce Bock** - June 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ Jan, we were so sorry to get the bad news about Wendell. What a shock! Know that our thoughts & prayers are with you and your family. Hang in there!!! Your friends, Veronica & Mike Bondzin

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**Veronica & Mike Bondzin** - June 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM