



## William Jennissen

November 4, 1935 - September 9, 2009

The Mass of Christian Burial for William George Jennissen of Staples was held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, September 12, 2009 at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Staples with Father Scott Wittkop presiding. William passed away on Wednesday, September 9, 2009 at the age of 73 years at his home in Thomastown Township. William was born on November 4, 1935 to Matthias and Margaret (Forster) Jennissen at Padua, MN. He graduated from Sauk Centre Public High School in 1955. He was united in marriage with Eileen Rosella Kemper at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Sauk Centre on September 3, 1956. William worked many jobs and was very active in his community. He began work as a dairy farmer and since has worked as an account executive for Brody Chemical of Salt Lake City, UT, drove bus, operated Center Lakes Supply and cleaning business, and worked as a bartender. He served his country as a sergeant in the MN Army National Guard and served his community as a member of the Lions, Jaycees and as a Staples Historical Society Ambassador. He was active with the Staples Wrestling Club, Staples Quarterback Club and the Staples Men's Chorus. William loved his tree farm, trails and riding his "Gator". He was an avid fan of high school sports, particularly Staples Cardinal Wrestling, and watching his children compete and coach. He loved to sing and was an all-around Minnesota sports fan. William was preceded in death by his parents, Mathias and Margaret; and sister Caroline Weller. He is survived by his loving wife, Eileen; sons, Mark of Staples, Neil (Amy) of Cambridge, Billy of Isle, Nic

(Paulette) of Staples, Dean (Lisa) of Dassel, Keith (Jill) of Rochester, Steven (Sarah) of Cambridge, Lynn (Kessie) of Foley, and Jesse (Kirsten) of Cambridge; daughters, Julie Jennissen of St. Cloud, Laurie (Steve) Pelkey of Brainerd, and Paula (Keith) Brown of Canal Winchester, OH; 26 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild; siblings, Marie (Jim) Bagan of Hutchinson, Sister Anita Jennissen of Little Falls, Eugene (Claudette) Jennissen, Margie (Bob) Schmiesing, Tony (Marlene) Jennissen, Rosie (Jim) Miller, Jim (Bernie) Jennissen, all of Sauk Centre, Agnes (Florian) Ledermann of Alexandria, Paul (Doris) Jennissen of Sauk Centre, Joanne Weber of St. Cloud, David (Barb) Jennissen of Sauk Centre, Harold (Jean) Jennissen of Brandon; sisters-in-law, Sister Marian Kemper, and Jennie (Don) Orth both of Sauk Centre; and brother-in-law Cap (Dorothy) Weller of Belgrade. Honorary pallbearers were William's daughters, Julie Jennissen, Laurie Pelkey, and Paula Brown, and son, Billy Jennissen. Pallbearers were William's sons, Mark Jenniessen, Neil Jennissen, Nic Jennissen, Dean Jennissen, Keith Jennissen, Steven Jennissen, Lynn Jennisen, and Jesse Jennissen. Interment was in St. Anthony's Cemetery in Padua.

# Tribute Wall

AS

“ *Mark,  
Our sympathy on the passing of your father*

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**Andy & Nancy Schmidt** - September 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ *So sorry to hear about Bill. Our heartfelt sympathies go out to the whole family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Take Care,*

*Mary Grundman Christensen*

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**Mary Grundman Christensen** - September 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ *Eileen and family, we are so sorry to hear of Bill's passing. Our sympathy goes out to you. He was such a nice fun-loving man. We have always treasured the on-going acquaintance we have had with you.*

*Lee & Audrey Roering  
(residents on the place you used to own!)*

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**LeRoy & Audrey Roering** - September 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ I have worked with Bill since he started at Brody and I can honestly say that he was one of the sweetest men I have ever known, and he will be deeply missed by all of us at Brody. Although we only met in person once or twice, his phone calls are unforgettable. He was always so sincere and thoughtful. He spoke very fondly of his family, and repeatedly invited me to come on over and have a beer with him sometime. What a blessing to have known such a wonderful man. My heart goes out to your family, he will be missed.

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**Collette Jacobson** - September 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ To all the Jennissen's-So sorry to hear about "Billy Boy". He was a person I truly admired and had so many laughs with. I looked forward every year to his witty comments to me about football or wrestling and the fact that he cared and was concerned about my family. One year he gave me a Charlie Brown Christmas tree from his land when I was short of cash. It was one of the most special trees my family decorated. I just saw him coming from Neil's the other day on his little four wheeler and waving at each other like crazy. I will always remember and love him. Again, I'm so sorry for your loss. May God hold him close as we all have.

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**Joyce Beilke-Vacek** - September 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Melanie Pawlenty** - September 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.

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**Steve and Kelly Kosloski** - September 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *Sorry for your loss. Your family will be in my thoughts and prayers.* ”

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**Johnny J Blom** - September 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM