



John Swaneus Randt

August 2, 1925 - June 7, 2015

John Swaneus Randt died on Sunday, June 7, 2015 at the age of 90. John the son of Eilert and Ann Randt was born in Bunderhammrich, Germany on August 2, 1925. At the age of two, he and his family moved to the United States. He and his twelve siblings grew up farming in central Minnesota. John served his country during World War II in the United States Army as a rifleman. During his tour he was stationed in Europe, Africa and the Middle East. John was Honorably Discharged in 1945. After serving his country he returned home and it was at a dance in Granite Falls, that John met Mabel Barnes and they were married on October 18, 1947. To this union five children were born. When John was not busy farming and raising his family, he enjoyed vegetable gardening, deer hunting and splitting wood. He truly was a jack of all trades. He could rebuild boat motors, build houses and just fix anything. John also enjoyed fishing. He shared this hobby with his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. From John, they all learned the art of filleting a fish so that there were no bones.

Over the years John and Mabel farmed different farm land all over central Minnesota until they found their farm near Benson. It was their pride and joy. They worked this farm until 1982 when they moved to East Battle Lake. Here they enjoyed retirement and fishing.

John's children remember him as a "teaser", and someone who built things for them. He liked to bounce his girls on his knees, yodel to his children and sing "You Are My Sunshine" to them. John was always helpful and always willing to

help his neighbors care for their homes.

John was preceded in death by his wife of 65 years, Mabel, one grandson, and several brothers. He is survived by his children, Terry Randt (Deb), Linda Schulze (Bob), Debra Harleman (Jack), Susan Hilleren (Dell), Sally Willenbring (Tim); nineteen grandchildren, thirty great grandchildren, seven great great grandchildren; brothers, George Randt (Alice), Dale Randt (Margaret), Lee Randt (Elaine), Jimmy Randt (Virginia); Sisters in law, Ruth Randt and Joyce Randt.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **10**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

JV

“ John and I worked on a lot of things together, whenever I needed help with something he was right there.

John Vetter

John Vetter - June 10, 2015 at 07:48 AM

CR

“ always loved Uncle John, he was always so kind and loving. Always had a hug for us kids when we would visit. I also loved listening to him sing and yodel! He always had his red bandana on and always a smile on his face.

Christine Rader - June 09, 2015 at 09:52 PM

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“ When I think of Uncle John, I see a red bandana around his neck! It was always red and he would wear it everywhere. I won't be able to come to the funeral, but I think John, Mable, Bernard, Ruth and all the family members who are gone are having a Randt family reunion! They are talking about good times and great memories! My love to you all; Shirley

shirley eberhart (randt) - June 09, 2015 at 09:02 PM

JR

“ To all my cousins ~ I am sending my deepest sympathy, to you and your families...Reading the obituary, it sounds as though John had a full life, and was "full of life" ! Be forever grateful, for the memories, and the glorious time you had to spend with him...memories are ours. Know now, that he will suffer no more, in this world. Peace is his - and I pray that peace will be yours !
I apologize, that I am not able to make the service. I have recently started a new job, and, it is not recommended to be absent in the first 90 days. I sent a memorial card to Sue .
Please know, that my thoughts are with you all, as you bid farewell, to your last parent ~
Treasure your memories~~
Much Love to You All ~
Jane Randt



Jane Randt - June 09, 2015 at 06:04 PM

PW

“ Patricia & Dwight Wolfgram lit a candle in memory of John Swaneus Randt



Patricia & Dwight Wolfgram - June 09, 2015 at 05:43 PM

MS

“ When i was 6 or 7 i was visiting John and Mable on the farm. John was putting up a silo and i got to help. My job was to go inside the silo and put the nut on bolt while the men tighten them down from the outside. To get back out i had to crawl thru the small culvert. After a few rings, i got wedged in the culvert on my way out. Of course i panicked, the screaming which i since have blocked out must of alerted them of my situtation. Uncle John saved the day when he put a shovel in handle first and pulled me out. Also i'm not sure to this day, but around that time when we were having supper i asked what kind of meat this was. He simply just said "Horse" i remember looking at him then over to Mable, back to John. Did they have good poker faces or was that really horse? I think i had second helpings so whatever it was. It was pretty good. Haha

mitch skinness - June 09, 2015 at 04:31 PM

SH

Thanks for the memories Mitch... Mom always tried to feed us food that was disguised... Who knows what it really was.. Ha... Susie

Sue Hilleren - June 09, 2015 at 08:57 PM

CF

RIP John Randt

Cindy Ford - June 11, 2015 at 11:14 AM

LS

What great memories!! Thank you all for sharing--it warms my heart because we were able to have that sweet loving man for many years-- Mom will be glad to see him!!!💖

Linn Schulze - June 11, 2015 at 06:31 PM