



Marvin Winkel

Marvin Raymond Winkel was born October 15, 1927 in Jackson County, Minnesota to Henry and Louise Winkel. He grew up on the farm and attended Wilder school. Marvin enlisted in the army in February of 1954. He was stationed in Germany and served as a guided missile crewman until his discharge in January of 1956. After serving his country, Marvin returned to Minnesota and proceeded to work on the family farm. During this time he was united in marriage to Margaretha, and had three daughters to this union. The marriage was later dissolved. Marvin continued his love of farming up until his retirement in 1989. Shortly after his retirement he married Joan, on February 24, 1990. The two shared a strong love for nature, so much so that they decided to live on Lake Miltona. Marvin and Joan resided there for the rest of their years together. Throughout the years, Marvin and Joan spent their free time camping, fishing, hunting, and gardening. They took many fishing trips to Chamberlain, South Dakota along the Missouri River. In 1999, they had the trip of a lifetime driving all the way to Alaska. They spent many hours enjoying the view of the lake and the wildlife that came to their yard. Marvin taught his children the value of a good work ethic and spoke up for what he believed in. He never missed a day when he could go shake dice for coffee in Miltona, and happy hour at Leaf Valley Merchantile. Those that knew him will never forget his witt, sly sense of humor, and the twinkle in his eye. Marvin always said he worked hard, played hard, and had a good life. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him. Marvin died on Monday, June 3, 2013 at the age of 85.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Louise Winkel; brother, Lester Winkel; sisters, Ruth Milbrath and Verna Pohlman; and nephew, Wes Winkel. Marvin is survived by his wife, Joan Winkel of Alexandria; daughters, Peg (Ed) Voigt of Bloomington and their children, Drew, Alex, and T.J, Linda (Curt) Fredin of Springfield and their children, Matt, Maggie, Mitch, and Mason, and Pat (Glenn) Lund of Windom and their children, Jeremy (Mandy), Cassie (Marty), and Brady; Joan's son Rodney (Tierney) Viessman of Gary, South Dakota and their children, Payton, Parker, and Presley; seven great-grandchildren; sister-in-law, Viola Winkel of Windom; and many nieces and nephews. A Mass of Christian burial was held Friday, June 7, 2013 at 11:00 A.M. at St. William's Catholic Church in Parkers Prairie, Minnesota, officiated by Reverend Leroy Scheierl. Organist was Marleen Rohloff. Pallbearers were Jeremy Lund, Matt Fredin, Mitch Fredin, Brady Lund, Mason Fredin, Drew Voigt, Alex Voigt, and T.J. Voigt. Honorary Pallbearers were Cassie Ray and Maggie Fredin. text