



## Martin Dierkhising

March 17, 2010

Martin Dierkhising, age 92 Cold Spring December 28, 1917 – March 13, 2010  
Mass of Christian Burial will be 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, March 17, 2010 at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Cold Spring, MN for Martin Dierkhising, age 92, who died Saturday at the St. Cloud Hospital. Burial will be in the St. Boniface Parish Cemetery. Relatives and friends may call after 4:00 p.m. Tuesday and from 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. Wednesday morning at the Wenner Funeral Home in Cold Spring. Parish prayers will be at 7:00 p.m. followed by a rosary with the Knights of Columbus, Catholic Aid Association and Cold Spring American Legion. Martin was born in Meire Grove, MN to Frank and Catherine (Mohr) Dierkhising. As a boy growing up during the Great Depression, he developed a strong work ethic that stayed with him his entire life. He loved to help his Uncle Pete in the Meire Grove blacksmith shop, where he learned to fabricate and fix virtually anything. As a testament to his skills, he wired his family's house for electricity at age 11. In 1939 he graduated from Northwest School of Electronics in Chicago, IL. He was drafted into the US Army in 1941, where he served as a combat engineer in the European Theater. In 1948, he became an electrician for the Cold Spring Granite Company, retiring in 1983. He married Margie Thelen in St. Martin on October 12, 1948. They made their home in Cold Spring, raising 5 children in a warm and loving home. Martin enjoyed hunting, fishing, and a good vegetable garden. He also liked to provide homes for purple martins, tirelessly fending off the starlings. Martin was kind to all pets. He was also known for making good sausage and

smoking fish. More than anything though, Martin was famous for being able to fix anything. He would tinker in his shed for hours; bringing power tools, appliances and other sundries back from the brink. Survivors include his loving wife of 61 years, Margie; children, Joanne (Val) Bednarski of Ramsey, Paul (Sue) of St. Cloud, Mary Kay Zwack of St. Paul, Kevin (Debbi) of Cold Spring, and John (Janet) of Cold Spring; 9 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, S. Rosalia, OSB, Millie Roering, S. Niceta, OSB, and S. Fabian, OSB; brothers, Joe, Tony, Herb and Al; infant sisters, Dorothy and Agnes.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Martin Dierkhising*

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“ *Martin, to me, was a man that always said sure I'll help. He could climb a ladder with the best of them at 70 and repair the wiring anywhere. In the Spring when birds were busy nesting, he'd tell Kevin and I not to shoot birds that had nests with our BB guns. I always thought of him when I would spear northers. He had a bunch of heads mounted in the garage that were great trophies. Even though I have not seen him for many years, I will always remember him fondly.*

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