



Mike Merten

December 29, 2006

Michael A. Merten, age 77 Richmond November 6, 1929 – December 23, 2006 Mass of Christian Burial will be 11:00 a.m. Friday, December 29, 2006 at Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Richmond, MN for Michael A. Merten, age 77, who died Saturday at the St. Cloud Hospital. Burial will be in the parish cemetery. Relatives and friends may call after 5:00 p.m. Thursday and from 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. Friday at the Wenner Funeral Home in Richmond. Parish prayers will be at 5:00 p.m. followed by the Richmond Fire & Rescue Department at 7:30 p.m. Thurs. evening. Mike was born in St. Joseph, MN to Ted and Adeline (Merkling) Merten. He married Yvonne Bohnen on June 18, 1955 in St. Boniface Church, Cold Spring, MN. Mike is a veteran of the Korean War. He retired from the Cold Spring Granite Company after over 40 years of employment. He enjoyed fishing and tinkering in his workshop. The projects and gifts that came out of his workshop, truly came from the heart and in turn give true meaning to the words “family treasure.” He will be greatly missed. Mike was a member of Sts. Peter & Paul Parish. Survivors include his wife, Yvonne; children, Chuck (Debbie) of Richmond, Michelle (Bob) Meyer of Paynesville, Cindy (Tim) Peters of Clear Lake, Tina (Bob) Kohnen of Roscoe, Cheri (Mike) Pitschka of Richmond and Tim (Emily) of Cold Spring; 10 grandchildren, Aaron, Jen, Mandy, Shane, Ashley, Sarena, Sierra, Blake, Spencer and Austin. He is preceded in death by his parents and brother, Herbert. Mike memories: He courageously fought in the Korean War which in his words “It was fate; an act of God” that brought him safely home! He loved

to fish whether it was in a fish house or on a boat slowly rocking back and forth, with the sun at his back. He enjoyed camping which lead to many families adventures; from Grandpa Tom's cabin to Duluth. He was a jack of all trades and master of many! As children, we believed Dad could fix anything and most often he could! From a bicycle to a table that 'somehow' broke! He loved to work with his hands and always had a project going in the workshop. He continued this in his later years and gave many of his handmade gifts to his children and grandchildren. These gifts all came from the heart! He had a wonderful ability to make each and every one of his grandchildren feel special. He was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, son, son-in-law, father-in-law and friend and will be truly missed.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mike Merten*

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