



Wally Conrad

June 8, 2010

Walter F. Conrad, age 86 Cold Spring May 22, 1924 – June 4, 2010
Celebration of life will be 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, June 8, 2010 at Mary of the Immaculate Conception Church in Rockville, MN for Walter F. Conrad, age 86, who died Friday at his home in the presence of his loving family. Burial will be in the Calvary Cemetery, Rockville, MN. Relatives and friends may call after 4:00 p.m. Monday and from 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. Tuesday morning at the Wenner Funeral Home in Cold Spring. Parish Prayers will be at 7:30 p.m. Monday evening. Wally was born in Cold Spring, MN to Walter James and Martha (Kloepfner) Conrad. He attended St. John's Prep and graduated from St. Boniface High School, Cold Spring, MN, where he met his lifelong sweetheart and bride Irene Schwinghamer. They were married on December 9, 1944 in St. Boniface Church, Cold Spring. Wally's career began as a draftsman and he spent many of his 45 years at Cold Spring Granite Co. in Sales. He and Irene enjoyed flea markets and meeting people through C+C (Conrad + Christ) Collectables. Wally served in the US Navy as an Aviation Radioman on PBV's. He was a life member of the VFW, KC's and Cold Spring Sportsman's Club and lifetime member of "Glory of God" prayer group, Marriage Encounter, Oblate of St. Benedict's/St. John's Abby; he was also a friend of Bill W. Wally and Jerry Kollmann, backed by John Alexander, were instrumental in forming what is now known as ROCORI School District #750, and he was Superintendent of School District #2039 at Grand Lake, Rockville, MN. Wally's past-times included: Scripture study, gardening, fishing, hunting,

golfing, following sports, and playing cards. Wally and Irene also enjoyed many winters in Mesa, AZ, and he gave 'Praise to the Lord' that he was able to raise his "tribe" on Grand Lake. Survivors include children, Michael (Jane) of Bloomington, Jeanne Ahlgren of Buffalo, James (Paula) of Cold Spring, Mary VanGrinsven (fiancé, Kevin Doering) of Grand Lake, Terry (Tom) Niehaus of Richmond, William (Jane) of Richmond, Bruce of Cold Spring, Julie (Dave) Klein of MT, Greg of Cold Spring, Paul (Jo-Ann) of TX; 27 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; brother, Joe and sister, Marion Zierden. He was preceded in death by his devoted wife, Irene (2004); son, Peter; daughter, Elizabeth; brothers, Don and Tom; sisters, Mona Schmitt Lund and Joan Buerman; brother-in-law; Cy Zierden; 2 infant grandchildren. Memorials preferred to Hazelden.

Tribute Wall



“ Wally Conrad

January 29, 2023 at 09:26 AM



“ Dear Conrads,
I was so glad that you sent me the clipping about Wally. I was brought to tears by Mike's note then I started to laugh. Was that a proposal? I thought many times about trying to drive over to see him, and I'm sorry that I didn't. But I can always remember the wonderful times we all had together and know that one day we will have a great reunion. "What a day of rejoicing that will be." May God bless all of you.

Joyce Mahalak - June 29, 2010 at 03:41 PM



“ Dear Conrad Family,
I am so sorry about the loss of your father, Wally. He and Irene were good friends with my parents, Ted & Lorraine Ahles and played many games of 500 with them. I will remember both your parents fondly. They were so nice to invite us Ahles kids out to swim at your house on Grand Lake. Mary and I enjoyed playing with one another when we were young kids. You can feel blessed to have such faith-filled parents whom you know are now with their Lord whom they loved so much. I ran into them at a flea market in Nisswa where I live, and we talked about the prayer groups we were in and our faith in God. Your family will be in my prayers.

*In God's love,
Sandy (Ahles) Justin*

Sandy (Ahles) Justin - June 06, 2010 at 08:49 PM