



Van Herringer

April 14, 1939 - August 16, 2006

Van “Skip” Herringer, age 67, of Ada, MN, died Wednesday, August 16th, 2006 in Bridges Medical Services, Ada.

Van Dean Herringer, known as Skip, was born April 14th, 1939, to Harry and Alma (Lee) Herringer in Ada, MN. He was raised there and graduated with the class of 1957, from the Ada High School. As a young man, Skip was employed by Coast to Coast in Ada where he delivered gas. On August 4th, 1962, Skip was united in marriage to Ruth Babler at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Ada, MN, where they made their home. He entered the United States Army, in September of 1962, proudly serving his country while stationed in Korea. After his honorable discharge on January 21, 1964, Skip returned to Ada and worked at the Larson Motor Company as a mechanic and for Howard Goddeke repairing lawn mowers. He then began a career with the Simpson Motor Company, which later became Berby Ford, and continued to work there for over 30 years until its closing. Skip most recently was employed at Roger’s Auto and Truck Repair in Halstad, MN, until it also closed. Skip continued to do repairs for friends and family from his home.

Skip was always tinkering and fixing things around home and in his “shop”. He was often known as “Mr. Fix It” and loved to work on projects for friends and neighbors, always finding time to help out family. Skip was a Life Member of the Ada VFW, was active in the Legion, and served for over twenty years on the Ada Volunteer Fire Department. His greatest joys were fishing, making lures, woodworking, and simply spending time at the lake with family. In his

younger years, he enjoyed deer hunting and fishing with his dad and friend, "Sarg". He cherished his granddaughters who he lovingly called his "dudes". Skip is survived by his wife, Ruth of Ada, MN; three daughters, Gerrie Aasland of Ada, MN, Melane (John) Gustavson of Woodbury, MN, and Corrie Herringer of Ada, MN; two brothers, Darrell (Arla) Herringer of Hastings, NE, Russell (Betty) Herringer of St. Petersburg, FL; one sister, Linda (Ron) Hiller of Perley, MN; two brothers-in-law, Richard (Mary) Babler of Roosevelt, MN and Vince (LaVonne) Babler of Borup, MN; one sister-in-law, Helen Sargent of Ada, MN; five granddaughters, Mandy and Mallory Aasland, Jasmine Herringer, and Jackie and Katie Gustavson. Surviving also are several nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

His parents; one brother, Bob Herringer; one sister, Marjorie Cain; and one brother-in-law, Bob "Sarg" Sargent, precede him in death.

Visitation was held on Friday, August 18th, 2006 from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM, with a Prayer Service following at 7:00 PM at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Ada, MN.

Funeral Services were held on Saturday, August 19th, 2006 at 11:00 AM at the St. Joseph Catholic Church in Ada, MN. Father Tom Friedl presided. The musicians were Bonnie Lee and Danette Gwin with Brenda Lund as soloist and Carol Gwin as Cantor. Serving as pallbearers were Mark Babler, Terry Babler, Bruce Babler, Lee Babler, Pete Babler, Jim Sargent and Tim Sargent. The Ada VFW and the Ada Fire Department were the honorary bearers. The Ada Veterans Honor Guard provided military honors.

Interment took place at the Municipal Cemetery, Ada, MN.

Tribute Wall

KF

“ RUTH & FAMILY, OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU & YOUR FAMILY IN THIS TIME OF SADNESS AND LOSS. KEN & KAROL FREDRICKSON

KEN & KAROL FREDRICKSON - August 28, 2006 at 08:34 PM

KE

“ Ruthie and Family our deepest sympathy goes out to you. Skippy will always be remember in our family and all around were he was known. I started thinking about when we were little and lived in Perley and all of us would get together.. There are lots of fun and happy memories. Wish I could have been there with you today.. Thinking of you.

Kim Eriksmoen - August 19, 2006 at 09:32 PM

VO

“ Ruth, Jo, Mane & Corrie ~
My deepest sympathy to all of you during this time. The right words just seem hard to find at a time like this. Skippy was like a dad to me. I find peace that he is not in "pain" anymore. I will miss his cute phrases. Call day or night if I can do anything to help. I hope & pray that my being there Wed. am was of some help / comfort to you. Keeping you all in my prayers..... Love from the non-blood sister :)

Virginia Olson - August 18, 2006 at 05:27 PM

DG

“ Our condolences to your family during this difficult time. You are in our thoughts and prayers
Adult Services - Northwestern Mental Health Center, Inc.

Denise Gudvangen - August 18, 2006 at 11:55 AM

KM

“ *Ruth and family: I was so sorry to hear of your loss of Skip. He was much too young and always such a happy guy. It was so much fun to be around him as he was always smiling and had a joke or two to make everyone laugh. The last time I saw him was several years ago in Borup but did get a dance with him. He will be missed by so many. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Kyle Mattison*

Kyle Mattison - August 18, 2006 at 10:52 AM

DH

“ *My deepest sympathies are with you and your family Ruthie. I have alot of funny memories of Skip from my years at working at the VFW. I smile when I think of him!!! Sincerely, Diane*

Diane Hansen - August 18, 2006 at 10:34 AM

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“ *Melane
I am so sorry to hear about your loss. I know how hard this is. It's so great to have your family all around! Good for Mom, too.
Take care, and know that you have alot of Donaldson friends keeping you and your family in their thought and prayers.
Terri B*

Terri Bryant (DCI) - August 18, 2006 at 10:31 AM