



Wilbert Eveslage

July 28, 1921 - December 24, 2010

Wilbert “Bert” Eveslage, age 89, of Mahnomen, MN died Friday, December 24, 2010 at the Fargo VA Medical Center in Fargo, ND.

Wilbert John Eveslage, the son of Joseph and Marie (Klinkhammer) Eveslage, was born on July 28, 1921 in Mahnomen, MN. As a youngster, he attended country school and worked on the family farm. In 1944, Bert entered the United States Navy where he served as a seaman during WWII. On October 9, 1944 Bert was united in marriage to Lorraine Liebl in Bird Island, MN. Upon his honorable discharge in 1946 he came home to join Lorraine in Mahnomen. Bert farmed in the area until 1954 when they moved to Minneapolis, MN and he began working for Waldorf Paper Products. A few years later, they returned to the Mahnomen area and purchased a home near Beaulieu, MN. Bert painted with Mr. Bellefeuille for several years before starting his own taping and texturing business. He operated his own business for over thirty years, continuing to work even after his retirement. In the 1970’s, Lorraine and Bert moved in to Mahnomen to make their home.

Bert was a member of the Mahnomen American Legion Isaacson-Bjorge Post # 31 and the Bejou VFW Wild Rice Post #1226. He was an avid fisherman and had a pole in hand whenever he could sneak away. He enjoyed sports and loved to watch both the Vikings and the Twins. In his later years, Bert began painting pictures and often shared those with family and friends.

Bert is survived by his wife of 66 years, Lorraine Eveslage of Mahnomen; four sons: Richard (Ann) of Fargo, Don (Diane) of Mahnomen, Gary (Vicky) of

Culpepper, VA, and Glenn (Jean) of Big Lake, MN; two daughters, Gayle (Jon) Raye of Balsam Lake, WI, and Lynn (Jeff) Puhalla of Hawley, MN; two brothers, Joseph of Minneapolis, MN, and Jerome (Jan) of Shakopee, MN; four sisters: Heidi Tritbough of Minneapolis, Rena Bruggeman of Mahanomen, Eleanor (Marvin) Schoenborn of Mahanomen; and Elaine Kaiser of Burnsville, MN; 13 grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; an infant son, David; one great-granddaughter, Amanda Gorder and one sister, Eldora Barrack. A Memorial Service was held at 11:00am on Thursday, December 30, 2010 at St.

Michael's Catholic Church in Mahanomen. Concelebrating was Father Mario Prada and Father Rick Lambert. The pianist was Brenda Sørensen, the song leader was Anita Lavoy and Jeff Puhalla played saxophone. Urnbearers were Brian Eveslage and Tony Raye and the honorary urnbearers were Bert's grandchildren and great grandchildren. Military honors were provided by Mahanomen American Legion Isaacson-Bjorge Post #31 and MNARNG Honor Guard. Visitation was on Wednesday, December 29, 2010 from 5:00pm until 7:00pm, with a Prayer Service at 6:30pm, at the Anderson-Mattson Funeral Home in Mahanomen.

Inurnment was at St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery in Mahanomen.

Tribute Wall

JE

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time of loss. Though I could not make it home for the services, I am saying prayers, and remembering all of the fun times with my Godfather. he was loved, and will be missed.* ”

Julie Eveslage - December 29, 2010 at 07:44 PM

HT

“ *Lynn & Family, My condolences to You & the rest of Your Family on "Berts" passing. I only met Him once or twice over the years, but He was a great Guy to talk to.... Harvey Taylor* ”

Harvey Taylor - December 28, 2010 at 09:44 PM

JK

“ *Lorraine, Lynn and the rest of the family. I am so sorry to hear of Bert's passing. All good things must come to an end. Take joy in knowing he spent Christmas with Jesus. I will forever remember who moved me to college--oh so long ago. Hold on to your memories--our thoughts and prayers, Jane and Ron Kemper* ”

Jane Kemper - December 28, 2010 at 03:42 PM

ME

“ *Gary - Our condolences to you and your family. Thinking of you. From your friends at Millennium Engineering.* ”

Millennium Engineering - December 27, 2010 at 09:30 AM

TA

“ *Lynn, I am so very sorry to hear of the passing of your dad. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time.* ”

Terri (Klabunde) Anderson - December 27, 2010 at 12:26 AM