



William John

October 24, 1921 - July 29, 2009

William “Bill” John, age 87, of Cushing, MN, formerly Mahnomen MN, died Wednesday, July 29, 2009, at his home under the care of Hospice.

William was born October 24, 1921 in Browerville, MN, the son of Peter and Frances (Bartylla) John. He grew up and attended school near there. After spending four years serving in the United States Army during WWII, Bill was united in marriage to Beatrice Thelen of Randall, MN. He worked for a contractor building REA lines until 1947 at which time Bill and Beatrice purchased the Red Apple Café in Mahnomen. Beatrice passed away in 1999 and Bill sold the Café in 2001 after 54 years in the business. His fondest memories were of visiting and exchanging stories with his many friends at the Red Apple.

Bill loved hunting and spending time at his deer camp in Northern Minnesota. His greatest love, however, was fishing – any kind, any place, and any time. The last two years Bill has lived at Lake Hills Elderly Care outside of Chushng, MN under the loving care of Vicki and Pete Bollig.

He is survived by his son, Douglas and his wife, Jan, along with his grandchildren, Joshua and Megan all of Randall, MN. He is also survived by two sisters, Mary (Dean) Fearings of Staples, and Bernice Strausser of Tucson, AZ, and one brother, Anthony John of New Brighton, MN. Bill was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Beatrice; and two brothers, Mathew and Joseph. Funeral Services were held Friday, July 31, 2009 at 11:00 am at St. Michaels Catholic Church, in Mahnomen. Visitation was held from 9:30

until 11:00 am at the church on Friday.

Interment took place at Christ the King Catholic Cemetery in Browerville, MN.

Tribute Wall

RH

“ Sorry to hear of Bill's passing. He was what I remember when I think of the Red Apple. My dad enjoyed Bill's friendship over the years and was always happy to help him out.
Rachel (Maus) Hanson

Rachel Hanson - August 03, 2009 at 12:58 PM

CS

“ Deepest sympathy's to the family of Bill John.
I look back on the time that i worked there and remember him most working the front till, having coffee in his back room and eating the mistakes from the kitchen! I still think of him and Beatrice often and working at the Red Apple Cafe.
God Bless the memory of Mr. Bill.

connie skersick - August 01, 2009 at 06:41 PM

JJ

“ Doug & Jan, What a shock to see the news about your Dad. We are so sorry, our thoughts, prayers, and sincere sympathy are with you and your family. Just read about it today on-line. Had I known before, I certainly would have attended his funeral. Thinking of you,
Grant & Joyce (Oletzke) Johnson

Joyce Johnson - July 31, 2009 at 04:48 PM

TA

“ Doug and Jan, Sorry to hear of the passing of Bill. He was a friend to my dad and our family. I have alot of good memories of the Red Apple and your dad. He will be missed. Our deepest sympathies to your family from Kakies kids. Greg, Terri and David.

Terri (Klabunde) Anderson - July 30, 2009 at 10:41 PM

JK

“*Doug, Jan and Family;
Sympathies from our whole family. It seems as if your family was an extension of ours in someways! Your mom and dad meant so much to mom, Corky, and to us too. I worked for your folks for 7 years while in high school and those were really good times. The Red Apple is an icon to Mahnomen thanks to your family. Bill has been missed in this area already--now it just makes it a permanent loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time, Jane Kemper*

Jane Bruggeman Kemper - July 30, 2009 at 09:41 PM