



Charles Balder

May 7, 1919 - June 12, 2008

Charles Otto Balder was born on May 7, 1919 in Foley, Minnesota to the late Otto and Cora (Scherbing) Balder. As a young man Charles worked as a farm hand for many farmers. On June 4, 1942 he enlisted in the United States Army and served in WWII. Charles received the Theater Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, and five Overseas Bars. He was honorably discharged from service on September 24, 1945. Charles returned to Minnesota and in April of 1946 he was united in marriage to Lorraine Vogtlin. The couple enjoyed dancing to polka and waltz music. Charles attended farm school and farmed south of Onamia for many years prior to working for the state park system. Charles had a passion for inventing. While working for Kathio State Park he invented and patented a picnic table mover that was recognized by the governor of Minnesota. He always had a story to tell, and enjoyed spending time with relatives and friends, especially the staff and residents of the Milaca Elim Home. Charles will be greatly missed.

Charles Balder is survived by his wife, Lorraine of Milaca, MN; Richard (Pam) Balder of Onamia, MN, Russell (Catherine) Balder of Mora, MN, Glenn (Kathy) Balder of Onamia, MN; daughters, Mary Jo (Charles) Danielson of Milaca, MN, Jeannie (Scott) Reams of Onamia, MN; sister, Grace Look of Brainerd, MN; grandchildren, Mike Bobbie Jo, Mandy, Mindy, Kevin, Steve, Scotty, Jeremy, Ann, Jason, Nick, Mindi & 19 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Otto & Cora Balder; brother, Ray; sisters, Edith, Myrtle, & Norma.

Tribute Wall



“ *Charles Balder*

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