



John Woodruff

April 8, 2012

Woodruff, John N. age 87, of Mpls, passed away at home on April 5, 2012. Preceded in death by brother, Wayne. Survived by loving wife of 61 years, Joyce; sons, Lee (Molly), John, Jim (Cathy), Mitch (Rhonda); 9 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren; sisters, Mary Gibbs, Elinor Stanley; sister-in-law, Phyllis Woodruff; other relatives & friends. John served with the US Navy during WWII. He was a retired member of Local #292 IBEW and a 40-year member of Nicollet AA. In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to Nicollet AA or donor's choice. Private interment Ft. Snelling Cemetery. Memorial service 6 PM Thursday, April 12, with visitation starting at 4 PM at: www.Washburn-McReavy.com Werness Brothers Chapel 2300 W Old Shakopee Rd 952-884-8145

Tribute Wall

GL

“ Hello John, We have never met, I am a friend of your son Mitch. I want to share with you an abbreviated version of what I saw and heard last night at your wake. Don't panic, we were not in a church. I saw your wife, sons, sister-in-law, daughter in-laws, grand children, great grand children, and a room full of friends. John, I had no idea that there were that many Woodruffs in the world. Anyway, later in the ceremony a microphone was passed around where anyone could share some special memories of you. One of your grand children went first, he spoke of how you schooled him on doing pull ups, and he was no weakling, and he was like 8' tall, you know which one. Then your sister-in-law spoke, she mentioned how helpful you were during an embarrassing moment for her and that you never brought up the incident again. This was when you were dating, you remember. Then one of your great grand children spoke, he had to be 5 or six years old, he was probably more like 3, you Woodruffs are all so tall, how am I to know. He spoke from his heart how he loved you, no surprise. Then a older gentlemen spoke from the AA Group and how you were instrumental in helping him overcome a dependency problem. Then, yes, you know, your sister-in-law wanted to speak some more, at first they didn't want to give her the microphone, but who could say no to her. She spoke of your family and the support they gave during your trying times. John, next came a poem by Hannah, I cannot recite the whole poem, nor would I try, this is her gift to you. I just know it made everyone in the room laugh and cry, it was special. John, your family and friends are going to be fine, and they will miss you, just like you are missing your tackle box. Yes, I saw your tackle box, when it is time, Joyce will bring it to you. Rest in Peace.

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Gary Lano,

Mound, Minnesota

Contact Me

Gary Lano - April 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CR

“Joyce, Lee, John, Jim, Mitch...It was a great service for your husband/dad/granddad,great granddad. I was too shy to take the mike at the service, but have good memories of John asking me to mow the lawn/do some gardening at his house, while I was outside doing these chores. I would respond by a grunt or something and he would throw back his head, laughing. Both he and your mom were great friends to my folks...what great neighbors!

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Cathy Reinert,

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Cathy Reinert - April 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

WF

“ To Joyce, Lee, John, Jim and Mitch: I just learned of your Dad's passing and wanted you all to know that my thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time. I have a lot of great memories growing up next door to you all, and remember your Dad's smile when he would come home from a day's work in his pick-up truck.

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Wendy Filipek,

Burnsville, Minnesota

Contact Me

Wendy Filipek - April 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ *Jim and all the Woodruff family, So sorry to read about the loss of your father. You will be in our thoughts and prayers.*

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Barb and Jerry Barber,

Norwood Young America, Minnesota

Contact Me

Barb and Jerry Barber - April 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ *Mitch, My sincere condolences on the passing of your father, John.*

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Tom Waletzki,

Huntington Beach, California

Contact Me

Tom Waletzki - April 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I met Mr. Woodruff several times growing up. He was always kind. I went to school with Jim. Jim was always kind and generous and just a great kid! (and adult too!) So I guess Mr. and Mrs Woodruff must have been great parents, because all of the Woodruff boys turned out pretty good! God Bless you all, Sue Cosgrove

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Sue Cosgrove,

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Contact Me

Sue Cosgrove - April 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM