



## Edwin Wawers

January 3, 1918 - March 2, 2011

Edwin George Wawers, age 93, of Fonda, Iowa died March 2, 2011 at Fonda Nursing and Rehab Center in Fonda, Iowa. Edwin Wawers, son of Peter and Scholastica (Bernard) Wawers, was born January 3, 1918 near Hankinson, North Dakota. He was baptized and confirmed into the Catholic Faith. Growing up, Edwin attended Country School in Richland County, North Dakota, near Hankinson. After the eighth grade, Edwin went to work with the Civilian Conservation Corps in Northern Minnesota. Prior to joining the United States Army, Edwin was married and had a daughter, Claudia Jean. Edwin served his country in the United States Army during World War II as a member of the 2nd Armored Division ("Hell on Wheels"). During his time in the army Eddie served on three continents in 10 countries, he was honorably discharged on June 27, 1945. On June 2, 1949, Edwin was united in marriage to Evangeline Fritz at St. Kilian Catholic Church in St. Kilian, Minnesota. Together they were blessed with three daughters: Patrica Ann, Joan Mary and Catherine Marie. Eddie and Vangie made their home and raised their family in Garvin, Minnesota until relocating to Fonda in 1996. During his lifetime Eddie was employed operating heavy equipment, trucking for many years, and prior to retirement, was Superintendent of Buses and Transportation for Tracy Public School District in Tracy, Minnesota. Eddie was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Tracy and Our Lady of Good Council in Fonda. He belonged to the American Legion Garvin Post and was a volunteer firefighter in Garvin for many years. Eddie enjoyed spending time with his family and

fishing with his daughters at nearby lakes. He was a handyman and excellent mechanic, seemingly able to fix anything. He very much enjoyed driving and seeing the countryside. He always insisted on taking the longer "scenic route" whenever possible when traveling. Those left to cherish his memory include his children: Claudia (Bill) Boggess of Meridian, Idaho; Patricia (Jack) Deuth of Montevideo, Minnesota; Joan Kurtz of Storm Lake, Iowa; Catherine (Larry) Greenfield of Fonda, Iowa; grandchildren: Mark Bezinque; Sean, Melissa, and Paul Deuth; Jacob, Nicholas, and Veronica Kurtz; Nathan and Morgan Greenfield; 14 great grandchildren; brothers: Leander (Edith) Wawers; Benjamin (Marilyn) Wawers; Paul (Joan) Wawers all of Wahpeton, North Dakota; sisters: lone O'Hearn of Wahpeton, North Dakota; Eva (Franklin) Miller of Duluth, Minnesota; Marlys Miller and Dianne Clementich all of Fargo, North Dakota; sisters-in law: Peggy Saxton; Mary Ann (Arlis) Osen; brother-in-law, Robert Fritz; extended family and friends. Eddie was preceded in death by his wife, Evangeline; parents; two granddaughters: Erin and Lindsey Greenfield; and brothers-in-law: Eugene O'Hearn, Lyle Miller, and Al Clementich