



Gordon W. Pinch

October 23, 1922 - March 22, 2008

Gordon W. "Butch" Pinch, 85, Rosendale, passed away Sunday, March 16, with his loving family at his bedside. He was born on October 23, 1922, a son of George II and Phyllis Randall Pinch, in the town of Springvale and grew up on the family farm west of Rosendale. He attended Town Line Grade School and graduated from Rosendale High School in 1942. On May 30, 1946, he married Elda M. Jahns. They were married for 55 years until her death in 2002. After graduation, he worked as a truck driver hauling livestock to Chicago, a mechanic for Green Giant Co., and for 55 years, was with the Rosendale School District as a custodian, bus driver, and Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds. He retired in 1987, but continued as the official groundskeeper until 2006. He maintained close ties with many staff and students who passed through the schools during his long tenure there. Butch was active in the Village of Rosendale as a volunteer fire fighter, serving 15 years as chief. He was also village constable, Lion's Club member, and Fond du Lac County sheriff's deputy. He was a member of the United Church of Christ, serving as a deacon. Memorable family celebrations include Butch and Elda's 40th wedding anniversary in May of 1986, their 50th wedding anniversary in July of 1996, and his designation as "Rosendale Citizen of the Year" by the Rosendale VFW and Lion's Club in 2006. Butch found great pleasure in the accomplishments of his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren whether it was in sports, music, or academics. Butch will be greatly missed by his nine loving children: Trudy (David) Pederson of Stevens

Point, Cathy (Brion) Pagel of Sun Prairie, Becca (Tim) Olsen of Rice Lake, Randi (Lou) Hackbarth of Alamo, California, Beth (Jim) DeTroye of Appleton, Jackie (Dennis) Kok of Brandon, Gordy (Lisa) Pinch of Waupun, George Pinch III of Rosendale, and Bob Pinch of West Bend; 19 grandchildren: Davie, Kristin, Tyler, Gina, Nettie, Robin, Erin, Lauren, Josh, Nate, Torrie, Christopher, Kayla, Keerin, Keegan, Kody, Amanda, Jordan, and Dallas; 12 great-grandchildren: Haily, Jacob, Taite, Kameron, Carter, Maddie, Ava, Sophia, Angelina, Brittany, Brianna, and Jordan II; brothers and sisters: Betty Hobbs, Lloyd Pinch, Stanley Pinch, and John Pinch; along with many other family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Elda, on February 4, 2002; a son, Michael; brothers and sisters: Raymond, Bernice Ebert, Jim, and Beryl Maltby. The family will greet family and friends from 9:00 a.m. until the time of service on Saturday, March 22, 2008, at the "old gym" at the Rosendale Intermediate School. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday at the Rosendale Intermediate School with Rev. Laura Hawkins, pastor of the Rosendale United Church of Christ, officiating. Interment of his ashes will follow in Rosendale Cemetery. Memorials in his name may be directed to the Rosendale United Church of Christ, or the Rosendale-Brandon School District for the early literacy program and athletic department.

Tribute Wall

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peggy beck - March 24, 2008 at 05:16 PM

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peggy beck of normal, illinois - March 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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Gary Abbs of Colorado Springs, CO - March 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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Tom Birschbach - March 19, 2008 at 11:30 PM

PA

“ My Deepest Sympathy goes out to the family of "Butch". He was a wonderful and caring man. I rode his bus back in the '50's. Both my sons got to know him also and was a great mentor to Gary.

Pat Abbs - March 19, 2008 at 12:47 PM

JZ

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.*

Jim & Jeanne Zahn - March 19, 2008 at 09:49 AM

KM

“ *My prayers are with you during your time of loss and heaven's gain.*

Kristina A. McConnell - March 19, 2008 at 09:38 AM

MR

“ *Please accept my sympathies and prayers. Your father seemed to be "larger than life" and will be greatly missed by your family and the community. How wonderful that he led such a vibrant and busy life! I wish you all the best during this time of sadness and hope that you will find many memories to celebrate Butch's life.*

Maureen Richard-Saltman - March 19, 2008 at 08:26 AM

KC

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Kristina A. McConnell of Concord, CA - March 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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Tom Birschbach of Waupun WI - March 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM

GL

“ *I strongly believe that everything happens for a reason and only the Lord knows why. 'Dad' will be greatly missed by many of us. Many wonderful memories! My prayers are with your truly incredible family now and forever. God bless, Geri*

Geri Lemmenes - March 18, 2008 at 09:20 AM