

George Barta

George Barta, age 86 of Olivia, died Friday, November 2, 2012 at the Renville County Hospital in Olivia. Funeral services are Wednesday 11:00 a.m. at Faith United Methodist Church in Olivia with Pastor Russ Jacobsen officiating. Burial is in the Olivia Cemetery and military rites will be by the Olivia VFW and American Legion. Visitation is Tuesday 5-7 p.m. at Dirks-Blem Funeral Home in Olivia and continues Wednesday at the church for one hour prior to the service.

George John Barta was born July 9, 1926 on the family farm in Henryville Township, rural Olivia, MN to John and Rose (Faiman) Barta. He attended School District #101 through 8th grade and graduated from Olivia High School in 1944. George served his country overseas in the U.S. Navy during WWII including in the Battle of Okinawa. After the service he was an auditor for Red Owl Stores for three years before returning to the farm at Olivia. He met Agnes Strube in Jackson, MN, whom he married and they were blessed with two sons. Agnes preceded him in death in 1981. George married Lorraine Schemel in 1984 and they made their home in Olivia. George and Lorraine enjoyed spending 22 winters in Texas. He had been a faithful member of Faith United Methodist Church in Olivia. He was also a member of both the Olivia VFW and American Legion and assisted with military honors for many funerals. George was a lifelong farmer and had even assisted his son with this fall's harvest. George had also enjoyed playing cards, dancing, and playing games with his grandchildren.



George is survived by his wife Lorraine Barta of Olivia, his two sons: Steve Barta (and special friend Kristy) of White Bear Lake and Dennis (and Karen) of Olivia; his grandchildren: Jessica (and Craig) Nordby of Delhi, Nathan Barta of Hutchinson, Matthew Barta (and fiancé Emily) of Portland, OR and Michael Barta (and fiancé Elyse) of Portland, OR; his great granddaughter Lillian Barta; his two stepsons: Wayne (and Gloria) Schemel of Renville and Bob (and Mary) Schemel of Spicer; his step-grandchildren: Tim Schemel, Brad (and Lori) Schemel and family, Megan Schemel, and Katherine Schemel; and his sister Dorothy Barkhoff of Bovey, MN. George was preceded in death by his parents and his first wife Agnes Barta.

Blessed Be His Memory