John Alden Freborg was born on the family farm near Turtle Lake, ND on December 4, 1927, the son of John and Catherine Freborg. One of nine children, he grew up on the farm, where he learned the lessons of hard work, integrity, and perseverance that would serve him for the rest of his life. He went on to attend Minot State College for two years and then served in the army. On June 18, 1951, he married Dorothy Ann Sveen, of Williston, in Enterprise, Alabama. Following military service, he returned to college, earning a teaching degree. He taught in Grenora briefly before taking a teaching position in Tioga. After several years in the classroom, John earned a graduate degree in guidance counseling and later became high school principal. In 1980 John left education to manage his growing painting company, which had its beginnings in a partnership with his longtime friend, Cliff Grubb. He remained with the company until his retirement. In 2003 John lost Dot, his loving wife of 52 years. John married Claire Cox of St. Petersburg, FL, in 2005.

John is survived by his devoted wife, Claire; sons, Mike of Alexandria, MN; Joel (Nicole) of Fargo; Don (Betty) of Tioga; Scott (Lisa) of Rock Port, MO; and James (Chris) of Elk River, MN; grandchildren, Jesse, Dan, Bryan, Mark, Natalie, J.R., Dennis, Olivia, Sara, Jordan, Myles, Anders, and Sigrid; great grandchildren, Hallie, Alexa, and Jaden; brother Ronald (Joanne); sisters, Jackie Morley, Portland, OR; Bonnie Levi (Larry), Pittsburgh, CA; Sandy Kleinsasser, Great Falls, MT; and many dear friends and family.

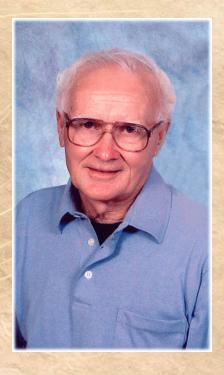
John was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Jim and Glenn; and sisters, Mildred (Ritchey) and Jean (Melhoff).

John enjoyed simple pleasures in life: spending time with family and friends, traveling the country in his motorhome, particularly with sister-in-law Ruth and her husband, Dewey, reading, watching baseball games on quiet Saturday afternoons, relaxing at the river cabin, managing his painting business, making Denver sandwiches when Mom was away, puttering in his shop, tending the garden (master tomato grower), and taking midday catnaps, just to name a few. For the past 15 years he has spent winters in Alamo, Texas. The family wishes to extend their deep appreciation to John and Claire's special Alamo Rose friends.

John passed away peacefully of natural causes in the McAllen Heart Hospital in McAllen, Texas, on Friday, May 21, he was 82.

As a husband, father, and friend, he was a wonderful model in life. In the face of recent adversity, his determination and sense of humor never waned. Now, in death, his lessons continue.

In Memory Of John Freborg



December 4, 1927 ~ May 21, 2010



Crossing The Bar

Sunset and evening star, And one clear call for me! And may there be no moaning of the bar, When | put out to sea, But such a tide as moving seems asleep, Too full for sound and foam, When that which drew from out the boundless deep Turns again home. Twilight and evening bell,

And after that the dark! And may there be no sadness of farewell, When lembark:

For tho' from out our bourne of Time and Place The flood may bear me far, Thope to see my Pilot face to face When I have crossed the bar.

Alfred Lord Tennyson





In Memory Of John Freborg

Date And Place Of Birth

December 4, 1927 Turtle Lake, North Dakota Date And Place of Death

May 21, 2010 McAllen, Texas

Funeral Service

11:00 AM, Tuesday, June 1, 2010 First Lutheran Church Tioga, North Dakota

Officiating

Pastor Sandra Anderson

Organist		
Doneen Larson		

Musicians

Bob Johnson Dave Rust Danny McGinnity

	Casketbearers
ke Freborg	Joel Freborg

Mik Don Freborg Scott Freborg Jim Freborg Ronald Freborg

Honorary Bearers				
Jesse Freborg	Dan Freborg	Bryan Freborg		
Mark Freborg	Natalie Freborg	J.R. Freborg		
Dennis Freborg	Olivia Freborg	Sara Freborg		
Jordan Freborg		Myles Freborg		
Anders Freborg		Sigrid Freborg		
Norris Wilson	Virgil Lucht	Bernie Holmes		
Ray Nissen	-	Dewey Glover		

Tioga Kiwanis Club

Interment

United Cemetery Tioga, North Dakota



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