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John enjoyed working with wood and metal, playing card games, doing yardwork, polka dancing and socializing with his family and many friends. He was a member of the Church of St. Mary, Knights of Columbus, Willmar Eagles Club #2334, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1639 and American Legion Post #167.

He is survived by his four children, Larry Braun, Albin Braun, Gerald (and Lynette) Braun, all of Willmar, and Deb (and Dave) Sweep of Spicer; six grandchildren, Cassandra, Philip, Tina, Matthew, Brianna and Susanna; and three great grandchildren, Cayden, Drew and Gabe, besides other relatives and friends.

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