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Children of Stan Holmaas:

Jerry, Marlene, Wanda, Russell

Northwest MN Arts Council

Hartz Foundation

Department of Natural Resources

Phil and Marlene Rokke

Dondelinger Foundation

Darin, Jessica, Ruby, Levi, Denny Jacobson

Davidson Construction, Inc.

Beito Foundation

TransCanada Corporation

NW MN Early Childhood Initiative

Newfolden Centennial Committee

Benjamin, Suzanne, Julia, Nora Rokke

Wikstrom Telephone Company

Kevin and Wanda Spading

Newfolden Lion's Club

Marshall County Driftskippers

Ryan and Alonna Johnson

Central Boiler

Mitchell and Kristi Swanson

Josh Rokke

Ronald Paggen

Avis Nelson

Betty and Mark Carlson and Kids

Bremer Bank

Curt and Elaine Thompson

Aaron Spading and Alison Criss

David and Judy Nelson

Dick and Pat Moen

Les's Sanitation

Andrew E. Holmaas II

Jake and Missy Foslien

Dean and Marlene Broten

Lawrence Bjorsness

Seth Spading

Lydia Spading

Corrine Spading

Cindy Rybakowski-Memory of Milford Rokke)

Paul Lindstrom

Sigrid B. Ruddy Garfve

Eileen G. Frigard

H&S Construction

Newfolden Cooperative Elevator

Westaker Free Lutheran Church

Newfolden Fire Department



DEDICATION AND OPEN HOUSE

SEPTEMBER 12, 2015



"I found Stan to be a very special, kind man. I can still remember his distinctive voice also. This is so wonderful to remember him and the woman behind him, of course, Ruby...."

Carol Fjerestad Edson



Ruby, Stan & Great Nieces



Stan, Jerry and Marlene

"Ya, Stanley was good to me. He was good to me." – Willard Olson



Stan with rural school teacher, Agnes Bjorgaard

Stan and his brother Art

AGENDA

DEDICATION CEREMONY – 5:00PM

- WELCOME:** Mayor - Lori Warne
- REMARKS:** Fire Chief - Dave Bennett
Friend - Raynard Huglen,
Family - Jerry Holmaas,
Wanda Spading
- VIOLIN MUSIC:** Ruby Jacobson
- BALLOON RELEASE:** Marlene Rokke, Russ Holmaas

"Stan served Newfolden well in the capacity of councilmember, fireman, first aid responder, and mayor. When the City of Newfolden became the recipient of two separate federal grants to construct two separate buildings, a fire hall and a community center, Stan's common sense prevailed and he convinced the powers that be to allow Newfolden to build one more cost effective facility. The federal grant meetings were in Duluth. Stan attending those meetings without charging the city for expenses." - Grace Lindquist, former city clerk

"Stan always had a pocket protector in his shirt pocket. Stan was a really good man and kept our family fed during the tough times. 'Loved when we were little and he would let us kids pick out a penny candy when we came in with Mom – what a treat!'Carolyn (Engen) Lundquist

"Stan was just an all-around good man. I recall Russell and I going into Stan's Grocery and swiping candy. We thought we were foolin' him, but he knew. I will pay him back a thousand of those little malted milk balls when I see him again." Paul Lindstrom

"To see them playing where their Great-Grandpa and Great-Grandma lived and had their store...I'm sure Stan and Ruby would approve of this park that ... many can enjoy."
.... Lori (Bjorgaard) Waterworth

"The fire department was called when as a toddler I had fallen into the state ditch and was not breathing. Stan helped save my life by doing rescue breathing as he had been recently taught. I don't remember this but was told about it. But I do remember the smell of lutefisk in his store around Christmas time." Donovan Nelson

"I can't believe it has been 20 years. Grandpa told me once he'd never been bored. That always stuck with me."..... Ben Rokke

It Used To Be My Playground Marlene (Holmaas) Rokke

At one time willows grew here. When I was a young child I played in those willows with my brother and the neighbor kids. The willows were our jungle. It was our playground. The Sales Pavilion, commonly known as the sale barn, was also here. My siblings and the neighbor kids played at the sale barn. Some years later the sale barn became an auto body shop. My siblings and the neighborhood kids played in and on the junked out cars parked here. The old cars used to be our playground. My dad's store was also here and the aforementioned businesses were adjacent. Today there is a beautiful park here with real playground equipment for the children of our community. The leadership of the city of Newfolden is to be commended for this very nice addition to the east side of town.

Our dad lived here and loved Newfolden. He was involved in city government for 21 years, was the cemetery sexton for 23 years, was a leader in his church, a member of the Newfolden Lion's Club and for over 40 years was an active member of the Newfolden Fire Department.

Many from Newfolden and surrounding communities have contributed to create this park. We are grateful to the organizations, corporations, businesses, churches and individuals that have made donations and provided labor. My dad would be pleased. He was proud to be from Newfolden, he promoted the east side and he loved the little kids. He sold penny candy in his store when penny candy was a thing of the past because the children liked to bring in a few pennies and go home with a little bag of candies. It has been a joy to drive by and see children playing on safe and modern playground equipment at the site that used to be our playground. I know that both my mom and dad would be thrilled.

