

Lewis Barker – Distinguished Community Member:

Lewis Barker was born in Missouri in 1924 but moved to Grandin ND as a child and attended and graduated from Grandin High School in 1942. He moved to rural Gardner in 1944 and lived on the family farmstead all his life. Lew farmed until his retirement in 1985 and continued to reside in the area until his death in 1999.

Lew served on many community boards, including the Board of Directors of the Grandin/Gardner Fire District and the Harwood State Bank Board of Directors. He was the chairman of the Cass County Drain Board for many years and the Fire Chief for the Gardner Fire Department. He was instrumental in getting the Gardner Fire Department updated with new trucks and equipment. He was a member of both the Hunter Grain Elevator Board of Directors and Grandin Coop Oil Board of Directors.

He was generous with his time and enjoyed being involved in the Gardner/Grandin area and surrounding communities. He was also generous with his tools, trucks, and tractors for any organization that needed to use them. He was an avid hunter and fisherman who enjoyed the outdoors very much. He loved collecting antiques. If anyone ever expressed interest in something or asked about a collectable, he would find it in his collection and give it to them. He had many friends that knew they could count on him for anything they needed or asked for.