Meeker County Deputy Sheriff Edward Eades

Date of birth: October 7, 1907
Died in the line of duty October 8, 1962

In the early morning hours of September 23, 1962, Meeker County Sheriff's Deputy Edward Eades was called to duty to look for a suspect who had just shot a Willmar Police Officer during an apparent burglary and was heading towards Meeker County. Deputy Eades stopped the suspect on Highway 55 in the city of Eden Valley, wherein a gun battle ensued. Deputy Eades was struck twice by gun fire and returned multiple rounds, also striking the suspect. The suspect was able to flee the scene and was subsequently arrested later that evening after being shot again by St. Cloud Police Officers. On October 8, 1962, Deputy Eades died as a result of the wounds he received during the gun battle in Eden Valley. Deputy Eades was inducted into the National Law Enforcement Memorial in Washington DC, panel 54-W:13.

The obituary from "Independent Review" on October 18, 1962, reads as follows:

Edward Eades was born at Paynesville, Minn. on October 7, 1907 and died October 8, 1962 as the result of gun shot wounds received two weeks previously. Ed grew to manhood in Paynesville and for several years worked for Fred and Floyd Schnee at the theaters in Paynesville and Litchfield. On September 26, 1933 he was united in marriage to Edith Mills of Eden Valley. Mr. Eades served in the U.S. army in World War II. He was a member of the Disabled American Veterans Chapter of St. Cloud, a member of the Civil Defense unit, West Central Peace and Police Officers association, and the National Sheriffs Association. He had been in police work the past 17 years and at the time of his death had been a deputy sheriff in Meeker County for 12 years and a guard at the Reformatory at St. Cloud.

End of Watch: October 8, 1962