



Duane DeVries

March 16, 1936 - December 25, 2021

Duane DeVries, 85, from Lennox, SD died December 25, 2021 at the Avera Dougherty Hospice House, Sioux Falls, SD, from lung cancer.

Duane Marlyn DeVries born March 16, 1936 to John and Meta (Schmidt) DeVries. He graduated from Worthing High School in 1954, and graduated from a two-year course in auto mechanics from Southern State in Springfield, SD. He moved to Sisseton, SD and worked for Bennet Chevrolet, then moved to Minneapolis and worked in the Minneapolis Moline foundry.

On June 1, 1957, Duane married Lois Roth at Saron Lutheran Church near Sisseton, SD. They began their married life in Denver, Colorado where Duane worked at Gates Rubber. In 1958, they moved to Sisseton where their children, Carla and Marlyn, were born. Duane worked at Cenex and later Hyman Transportation. In 1961, Duane and Lois moved back to Duane's family farm, where son Glenn was born. Duane milked cows, raised hogs and chickens, and farmed. Later he sold the milk cows and started a Black Angus cow/calf operation along with farming and doing custom work. After auctioning off his farming equipment, he rented the farm land and continued to farm as a hired hand for 20 years following retirement. Duane and Lois enjoyed spending winters at their home in warm Arizona for many years where they served their local church and had many friends.

Duane served on the Worthing School board, LaValley Township board, and the Farm Gas board. He also served over the years as trustee, deacon and elder at Lennox Ebenezer Presbyterian Church.

Duane is preceded in death by his parents John and Meta, his wife Lois (2018), his son Marlyn (2012), brother Ervin (1993), brother-in-law's William Grajczyk (1991) and Robert Roth (2018) and sister-in-law Yvonne Roth (2007).

Grateful for having shared his life are his children: Carla (Alvin) Haan, Chancellor, SD, Glenn DeVries, Graham TX. Grandchildren: Amber (Derek) Heeren, Brandon (Erin) Haan, Trent Haan and fiancé Nikki Schimelpfenig, Autumn Haan, Mandy Weller, Cody DeVries, Mark DeVries, Jacob DeVries and fiancé Krista Losh, Zachary (Bree) DeVries, Remington Watkins, Maddison Watkins, TJ Watkins. He was blessed with 13 great-grandchildren. His sister Ardell (Ken) Penney, Omaha, NE, sisters-in-law: Ardyth DeVries Holland, MI, Clarice Grajczyk, Sisseton, SD, Doris Roth, Alexandria, MN, brothers-in-law: Gene (Martha) Roth, New Effington, SD, Larry (Barb) Roth, Blaine, MN as well as other relatives and a host of friends.

In lieu of flowers and plants please send memorials to Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) at University of Minnesota (www.givetoruf.org), your favorite charity, or do a random gift/act of kindness in Duane's memory.

Services will begin at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, December 30, 2021 at Lennox Ebenezer Presbyterian Church, Lennox, SD, with burial to follow at the Lennox Cemetery. Visitation, with the family present, also at Lennox Ebenezer Presbyterian Church, will be 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, December 29.

The service will be live streamed, or can be viewed at a later date, by going to www.lennoxpca.org

Tribute Wall

BY

“ *You will be missed Uncle Duane!*

Bob & Shelley Young - December 30, 2021 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ *My deepest sympathy to the family on the passing of Duane. My thoughts and prayers are with you, your memories with Duane will last forever.*

Dave Jandl - December 28, 2021 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ *I'm so glad I was able to chat, although briefly, with Duane before he had to leave us. I didn't know him as well as i would have liked, but by all accounts, he was a soft spoken, reliable, hard working man and a loving, as well as loved, husband and father. My sincerest condolences and best wishes go out to all of his family and loved ones.*



Dean Roth - December 28, 2021 at 12:00 AM

PG

“ *To all Duane's loved ones,
We are so sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts & prayers.
I had a nice visit with him at friends' funeral gathering this past June.
We had nice visit a few short years ago with Lois & Duane in AZ!
Blessings to all. They are together again.*

Phyllis & Roger Gunderson - December 27, 2021 at 12:00 AM

CN

“ Sending much love and many prayers to you all during this difficult time! I find peace knowing he is with Lois again celebrating Christmas in the best place ever! See you Thursday!

CARA NIELSEN - December 26, 2021 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Please accept my condolences at Duane's passing.

Don Schmidt - December 26, 2021 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ What a precious tribute to this gentle man! What a blessing that he witnessed to his family the strength and rewards of a strong work ethic! And how powerful that his witness to Christ reached far beyond the walls of his church. A life well lived indeed! May God continue to bless his family with these awesome memories and may they all feel and know His comfort.

Diana Patterson - December 26, 2021 at 12:00 AM

NP

“ We're sorry to hear of your loss. Last March when we visited my sister, Helen, he came to play games with us. It was a special evening, and our daughter will remember him as 'Aunt Helen's friend who taught us to play the card game, NO!' She enjoyed meeting him very much. We'll remember him fondly. Nancy

Nancy Pritchett - December 26, 2021 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ *Very sorry for your loss. Duane was a good man.*



Shannon Watkins - December 26, 2021 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ *Duane was a such a sweet man. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*



Peggy (Roth) Cigelske - December 26, 2021 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ *Dear Family: You have my sympathy and prayers during your journey of sorrow and grief.*

Dr Janell Christiansen - December 26, 2021 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ *My greatest sympathy on the passing of Duane. Such a great and knowledgeable man, my thoughts and prayers are with you. God Bless*

Brian R Lind - December 26, 2021 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Dear Carla, Glenn, & families,
It was sad to have learned about your dad's passing today, especially on Christmas, but no more difficult than it must be for all of you! Duane showed great courage at the end of his life, but may have felt joy knowing he was soon going to be with his beautiful Lois & son Marlyn again. I have few, but fun, memories visiting your family farm when we were little. So happy to also have shared Sour Cream Raisin pie, (heard it was your dad's favorite), with your folks not too many yrs ago @ Helen's house in Austin, MN :) Our hearts are sad for you, but we feel so blessed to have had such special people touch our lives. We send prayers to your family. You know the Lord holds you in his arms, & will provide needed strength, to help you get through this coming week.
Love, Deb (Roth) Heise & Randy Wasko

Debra Heise - December 25, 2021 at 12:00 AM

LV

“ Our deepest sympathy to all the family.

Larson Arlo & Vonnie - December 25, 2021 at 12:00 AM