



## Duane Wachendorf

October 10, 1940 - February 8, 2015

Duane Wachendorf, 74, died Sunday, February 8, 2015 at the Alcester Care and Rehab Center. Duane Edward Wachendorf was born on October 10, 1940 at Sioux Falls, SD, the son of Frank and Ethel (VanBockern) Wachendorf. He grew up in Lennox, attending Lennox High School. He served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. On April 11, 1969 he was united in marriage to Diane Robinson at Trinity Lutheran Church in Tea. The couple lived in Lennox and Tea before moving to Sioux Falls in 1991. Duane worked in auto body repair, initially for Ted VanHull in Lennox and later for Ben Hur Ford, Sioux Falls. He had also worked for Citibank as a machine operator and later for Walmart retiring in 2014. Duane was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, He belonged to the Tea Fire Department and the Tea American Legion Post. He enjoyed hunting and bowling. He worked on race cars as a member of the pit crew for local drivers and was a NASCAR fan. In earlier years he had participated in Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and the Civil Air Patrol. Besides his parents, Duane was preceded in death by one sister, Kay Agena. Grateful for having shared his life are his wife Diane, Sioux Falls and one daughter, Dawn Wachendorf, Sioux Falls; several nephews, other relatives and friends. Services will begin 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, February 11 at Trinity Lutheran Church, Tea. Visitation will one hour prior to the service also at the church

# Tribute Wall

MB

“ So sorry to hear of this! Duane was a wonderful man! He always had a smile on his face and made everyone else smile! He had a huge heart! He is a true angel! Our prayers go out to the family!

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**Michelle Brown** - February 15, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NW

“ Im so sorry to hear of Dewey's passing. I worked with gim at Wal-Mart for many years. He was a great man with a great heart. He always had a joke to crack and was willing to help anyone. He will be greatly missed by all the associates who got to know him through the years and also the many truck drivers lives that he touched. He was like a best friend to many of the regulars and they still ask about him. Prayers to your family

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**nikki wald** - February 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Duane will be missed he made me laugh at Citibank and then at Wal-Mart he had the biggest heart I'm so sorry for you loss Diane and Dawn my thoughts and prayers are with you both.

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**Marcia Haaseth** - February 11, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GR

“ We just heard about our buddy Duane passing. So sorry we didn't get to attend the service at Trinity honoring Duane's memorable life. Many fun memories, but always looked forward to receiving yearly birthday cards!! Always had a smile to share. Diane and Dawn, we send you a big hug!!!

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**Gerry & Rhonda Roe** - February 11, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ I'm sorry here what happen. I thinking of u guys and family and praying for you all. Duane (Squeak ...nickname) was my dad's best friend/ neighbors/ firefighter in Tea. I remember Duane when growing up. My name is Brian Schmidt my dad's name is Johnny Schmidt my Mom's name is Pam Schmidt. My Dad passed away 5 years ago. We lived on church Ave in tea. Duane was a good guy, fire department was his passion and always enjoyed fire department. Duane was a firefighter when tea fire dept was first organized with my dad that's how I got to meet a wonderful man. Also remember deer hunting with Duane back in the days. I'm so sorry hear what happened. I'm praying for u and the family.

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**Brian Schmidt** - February 11, 2015 at 12:00 AM

HJ

“ Knew Daune (Squeaky) while a teenager in Lennox. Our prayers to the Wachendorf family!

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**Herman Janssen** - February 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AJ

“ We are sadden to hear of the passing of a peer that spent many days and years growing up in our home town of Lennox, S.D. We share the grief with the family and pray there will be healing where necessary. RIP

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**Art Janssen** - February 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Duane was one in a million! He was a joy to have around at the PD whether on the front desk or helping out at the Citizen Police Academy classes. He had a great sense if humor. I will miss him!

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**Jerome Miller SFPD (Retired)** - February 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DO

“ *Diane and Dawn, we are so very sorry to read about Duane. You have our deepest sympathy and prayers.* ”

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**Dorothy and Odell Overgaard** - February 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM