



Wendell Lovaas

September 29, 1955 - November 24, 2018

Wendell Lovaas, 63, of Sioux Falls, SD, formerly Lennox, SD, died Saturday, November 24, 2018 at Avera McKennan Hospital, Sioux Falls.

Wendell Dean Lovaas was born on September 29, 1955, at Sioux Falls, SD, the son of Norman and Rose (Fischer) Lovaas. He lived with his family near Beresford, SD and at a young age moved to Lennox, SD, where he grew up and attended Lennox Public Schools. Wendell worked for the Job Corps for a period of time. Part of this work involved fire fighting duties in the Black Hills of South Dakota. After that he worked in construction, primarily for the railroad. While working construction locally, the scaffolding Wendell was working on gave way and he fell 20 feet to the concrete below. This fall nearly took his life and resulted in a long hospital stay. Although disabled, Wendell went on to live independently, drive, walk and enjoy life.

Wendell had been a member of the First English Lutheran Church, Lennox. He enjoyed classic cars and pickup trucks. He enjoyed visiting with people and would converse with anyone. Wendell made some close friends at the nursing home and took looking after their needs very seriously. He enjoyed watching professional wrestling, Chips Ahoy cookies, Mountain Dew and being outside. Most of all Wendell loved his family and friends, especially his great nieces and nephew.

Wendell was preceded in death by his father, Norman in 1991, mother, Rose in 2000 and sister, Julie Niewald in 2016 and an infant brother.

Grateful for having shared his life are his sisters: Judy (Michael) McCormick,

Sioux Falls and Janice (Brian) Haas, Sioux Falls; brother-in-law, Richard Niewald, nieces/nephews and great-nieces/nephews, Jennifer (Andy) Rasmussen and their children, Alexander and Adalyn, Cole (Jeanette) McCormick and Ryan (Crystal) McCormick and their daughter, Arabella; two special cousins, Vicki Muchow and Robin Erickson and their families, as well as other relatives and friends.

Services will begin at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, November 29 at Dindot-Klusmann Funeral Home, Lennox. Visitation will be 2 hours prior to the service, from 9 to 11 a.m. with the family present.

Tribute Wall

DB

“ So sorry to hear of Wendell's passing. He was a classmate of mine. Sending may prayers and condolences to Wendell's family.

Diane Williamson Bauch - December 10, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Janice, Judy, and the rest of your family: God bless you with comfort as you remember your brother.

Dan and Gale (Javers) Wray - December 07, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Judy and family. Sympathy on the passing of your brother. “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted” . Jesus. Jan Fett.

Janet Fett - December 06, 2018 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Blessing to family. Wendell was ready to be United with his Lord and Savior Jesus. God Rest His soul. Free now is his spirit.

Laurie Wernke - November 30, 2018 at 12:00 AM

VJ

“ Judy, Janice, and families, I am sorry to hear of Wendell's death. Due to the street conditions I decided not to attend the funeral this forenoon. I really want to see you but just can't risk falling.

Verlyss V Jacobson - November 29, 2018 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ Thinking of you at this time. So sad to hear of Wendell's passing. We have some great memories of his time at Morgan Lane Village.

Roberta Hindberg - November 28, 2018 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ My thoughts and prayers are with Janice and Judy and the rest of the family at this difficult time... I have so many memories that I will cherish of the times that I took care of Wendell at Morgan Lane Villiage! Fly High til we meet again. Tamika and Taela

Tamika Larsen - November 28, 2018 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ My heart burns for you. Iâ€™m so sorry for your loss. If this can be comforting to you, just know that he is no longer suffering (Ecclesiastes 9:5) and now he, as well as others who have died, awaits the wonderful resurrection that Jehovah God has promised (Acts 24:15). I hope this message brings you comfort.

Ann - November 28, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ Miss you Wendell! Love and prayers to the family.

MaryKay Gilbert - November 27, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ I would like to send my sincere condolences to the family. I know this must be a truly difficult time. May you find real comfort knowing that soon there will be a time when there is no more death or suffering. This beautiful Bible promise is found at Revelation 21:3,4. With sympathy, John.

John - November 27, 2018 at 12:00 AM

EH

“ *God's Blessings as you say good bye to yet another sibling. Find comfort knowing that the separation is but temporary and the reunion eternal through Jesus Christ. Wendell did love to visit and he LOVED his family. God's Blessings upon all of you*

Eldonna Hanisch - November 27, 2018 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ *Our sympathy to all the family*

Arlo Vonnie Larson - November 26, 2018 at 12:00 AM