



## Nestor Vorderbruggen

August 21, 1933 - August 1, 2021

\*\* Due to the current COVID surge, the family supports the wearing of masks. \*\*

The Mass of Christian Burial for Nestor Vorderbruggen of Battle Lake, and formerly of Wadena, will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, August 6, at Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church in Battle Lake, with Father LeRoy Schik as celebrant. Visitation will be held on Thursday at the Johnson-Schuller Chapel in Wadena from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m., with a Knights of Columbus Rosary at 6:00 and Prayers at 7:00 p.m. Visitation will resume at the church on Friday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the service.

Just days before his 88th birthday, and with family by his side, Nestor passed away on August 1, 2021, at the Good Samaritan Nursing Home in Battle Lake, MN.

Nestor Anthony Vorderbruggen was born on August 21, 1933, to William and Marie (Weniger) Vorderbruggen outside of Wadena, MN. The middle child of nine, he was a curious, mischievous, innovative, hard working young boy; qualities which endeared him to many and served him well into his life. He grew up on a farm, drove a truck for the Bluffton Creamery, entered the service (England), and upon returning home began working in construction after gaining more experience while in the Army.

Nestor was constantly exploring or experimenting with ways to improve upon something, and he was willing to take risks or keep trying until he found an answer. Even though he never completed the 9th grade, due to a hunting accident, he went on to become a successful building contractor, possessing the ability to solve complex engineering problems in his head, or design and build ingenious solutions to technical or mechanical problems.

Most notable, however, was Nestor's strong devotion and love to Evelyn (Wegscheid), whom he married in May of 1957. Their many common interests and strong faith, along with decades of working together in their construction business, raising a family, tending a small farm, and traveling together forged a relationship that was profoundly deep and

inspiring. Together they built their "dream home" on Otter Tail Lake and moved there in 1985. Nestor continued to do some construction management on outside projects for several years, but he and Evelyn also found joy in family, friends, church, and traveling to the mountains or to one of the southern states for a few months in the winters.

Nestor loved Western movies and could sometimes be heard singing along with some of his favorite country western music artists. He was very encouraging and supportive of his children to get a good education - both beyond high school and through traveling, to be curious and creative, and to work hard. While he was an avid hunter and fisherman for much of his life; he was content to just watch and witness the beauty of nature and the wildlife they were surrounded by in his later years. And of course he, along with his "sweetheart" Evelyn, set a beautiful example of love and devotion - for each other and for God.

Nestor is survived by his wife of over 64 years, Evelyn, and their children: Joan Vorderbruggen (Darryl Booker) of Battle Lake, MN and Alan (Wendy) Vorderbruggen of Duluth, MN; siblings, Monica Doll, Dorothy Rand, William (Pat) Vorderbruggen, Pat Schmith, Darlene (Bob) Cuddigan and Joe Vorderbruggen. and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Marie; siblings, Harold Vorderbruggen and Claude Vorderbruggen; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Don Doll, Phyllis Vorderbruggen, Catherine Vorderbruggen, Roger Rand, Francis Schmith and Shareen Vorderbruggen.

Burial will be in St. John the Baptist Catholic Cemetery, Bluffton, MN.

# Events

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**AUG**   **Visitation**                      06:00PM - 08:00PM

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Johnson-Schuller Chapel

205 4th Street Southwest, Wadena, MN, US, 56482

**AUG**   **Visitation**                      09:30AM - 11:00AM

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Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church

407 Lake Ave. N., Battle Lake, MN, US, 56515

**AUG**   **Service**                                11:00AM

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**AUG**   **Graveside Service**                03:00PM

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St. John the Baptist Catholic Cemetery

310 Main St., Bluffton, MN, US, 56518

# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



**Schuller Family Funeral Homes** - August 04, 2021 at 07:46 PM

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“ Steve and Sue McNeill purchased the Summer's Light Bouquet for the family of Nestor Vorderbruggen.



**Steve and Sue McNeill** - August 05, 2021 at 02:51 PM

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“ Marge (Mohs) And Harry Harrison lit a candle in memory of Nestor Vorderbruggen



**Marge (Mohs) and Harry Harrison** - August 05, 2021 at 07:48 AM

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“ Esther And Alan Freitag lit a candle in memory of Nestor Vorderbruggen



**Esther and Alan Freitag** - August 04, 2021 at 11:53 PM

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“ Bob & Donna Haman lit a candle in memory of Nestor Vorderbruggen



**Bob & Donna Haman** - August 04, 2021 at 10:41 PM

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“ Margaret & Peter Van Erp lit a candle in memory of Nestor Vorderbruggen



**Margaret & Peter Van Erp** - August 04, 2021 at 09:55 PM

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“ 39 files added to the album LifeTributes



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - August 04, 2021 at 07:43 PM

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“ Myron And Karen Winkelman lit a candle in memory of Nestor Vorderbruggen



Myron and Karen Winkelman - August 03, 2021 at 08:09 PM

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“ Allen & Donna Schmitz sent a virtual gift in memory of Nestor Vorderbruggen



Allen & Donna Schmitz - August 03, 2021 at 11:41 AM

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“ Love, Dave & Rita Wegscheid & Family. purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Nestor Vorderbruggen.



Love, Dave & Rita Wegscheid & Family. - August 03, 2021 at 11:41 AM



“ Sorry to hear of Nestor's passing. He was our contractor when we built our new house in 1976. He was pretty articulate in his profession & we were appreciative of his suggestions in helping us make decisions. We were good friends of Claude & Babe for many years. Claude always spoke very highly of Nestor. Pretty close brothers, we believe. Thoughts and prayers our with your family! Sincerely, Rich & Mavis Kendall



**Rich & Mavis Kendall** - August 03, 2021 at 11:16 AM

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“ There are those people who God places in your life for a short time, that make the greatest difference in it. I only knew Nestor for a short time but he was the kindest, most appreciative man, with a strong faith and a very strong love for his family. He and Evelyn had a marriage that was inspirational. I will never forget the lessons I have learned from you Rest In Peace Nestor.

**julie** - August 03, 2021 at 10:54 AM

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“ Chuck , Sharon & Ben Hawla purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Nestor Vorderbruggen.



**Chuck , Sharon & Ben Hawla** - August 02, 2021 at 10:46 PM

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“ Bruce And Barb Brown lit a candle in memory of Nestor Vorderbruggen



**Bruce and Barb Brown** - August 02, 2021 at 10:42 PM

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“ Jon Johnson lit a candle in memory of Nestor Vorderbruggen



**Jon Johnson** - August 02, 2021 at 08:42 PM