



Charles "Chuck" Neal

April 2, 1930 - August 7, 2023

The funeral service celebrating the life of Charles "Chuck" Neal of Staples will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, August 14, at the Motley Free Methodist Church in Motley, with Pastors Jim Johnson and James Middendorf presiding. Visitation will be held on Sunday from 5:00 until 8:00 p.m. at the Johnson-Schuller Chapel in Wadena and will resume at the church in Motley on Monday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the service.

Chuck, age 93, passed away of natural causes at his home on the farm on August 7, 2023.

Charles, known as Charlie or Chuck, was born on April 2, 1930, to Willard and Ethel (Neuschwander) Neal at the farm home south of Wadena, MN. He married LaDelle "DeeDee" Baker on June 15, 1952, at her parent's home in rural Verndale. They made their home on the farm in Thomastown Township for the next 70 years until DeeDee's passing on Dec. 27, 2022.

Chuck's interest in beef cattle and farming lasted his lifetime. He was a charter member of Central MN Irrigators Corp, Irrigator's Assn of MN, was on the board of Central MN Feeders Coop, a member of Mid-MN Beef Growers, MN State Cattlemen's Assn, Farm Bureau, Wadena Pilots Assn, and Central Community Church. He was one of the first farmers in the area to use irrigation and to raise specialty crops. Chuck got his pilot's license while still in

high school; was an avid hunter and enjoyed fishing and flying. In 1949, he drove to Alaska where he worked for the summer; and he and DeeDee took many trips over the years. He enjoyed people, loved adventure, and lived life to the fullest.

Preceding Chuck in death were his wife, DeeDee; parents, Willard and Ethel; brothers, Duane and Darrel; and sister, Phyllis Krause. Remembering Chuck will be his children: Curt (Barb) Neal of Henderson, NV; Cyndi (Rick) Rogge of Verndale; Gayle (Mark) Friesen of Baudette; Craig (Stacey) Neal of Verndale; and Chris (Brandi) Neal of Staples; 20 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren; sister, Esther Miller of Anchorage, Alaska; along with nieces, nephews, friends and neighbors.

Serving as casket bearers will be Justin Rogge, Colton Neal, Caleb Neal, Wilson Neal, Mike Wilker and Collin Morris.

Burial will be next to his wife in Green Lawn Cemetery, Verndale, MN.

Cemetery Details

Green Lawn Cemetery

16277 120th Street
1st Ave./ Co Rd 104 (1 mile west of Verndale)
Verndale, MN 56481

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **13**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Johnson-Schuller Chapel
205 4th Street Southwest
Wadena, MN 56482
(218) 631-3632

Visitation

AUG **14**. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Motley Free Methodist Church
33 Wellwood St. E.
Motley, MN

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Charles "Chuck" Neal*



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - August 11, 2023 at 05:25 PM

BP

“ *Barry & Sandi Pratt lit a candle in memory of Charles "Chuck" Neal*



Barry and Sandi Pratt - August 22, 2023 at 11:47 PM

CD

“ *I am sorry to hear of the passing of your father, and grandfather, Chuck Neal. Forgive my lateness in expressing sympathy. He and Deedee were good neighbors for the entire time that Larry, my ex, and I lived in this special area of Thomastown, and Wadena County. I still do! I Horseback riding with Neal daughters, visiting with your parents at various functions and for me, teaching several of Chuck and Deedee's children are some of the many memories make up each life. Please know that your parents are at peace, and still watching over you.*

Sincerely, Coralie DeWald

Coralie J DeWald - August 16, 2023 at 03:02 PM

RF

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Rachel F - August 14, 2023 at 11:00 PM

MP

“ 1 file added to the album Photos



Mya Putz - August 12, 2023 at 11:22 PM

CR

“ 40 files added to the album Photos



Cynthia Rogge - August 12, 2023 at 11:15 PM

JJ

“ Families. So sorry to hear of Chucks passing. He is in Heaven with DeeDee. I remember our beef growers events, always a great helper and fun to work with. He will be missed. Deepest Sympathys. Jay and Jackie n families.



Jackie and Jay - August 12, 2023 at 12:36 PM

CR

“ 1 file added to the album Photos



Cynthia Rogge - August 12, 2023 at 09:12 AM

CR

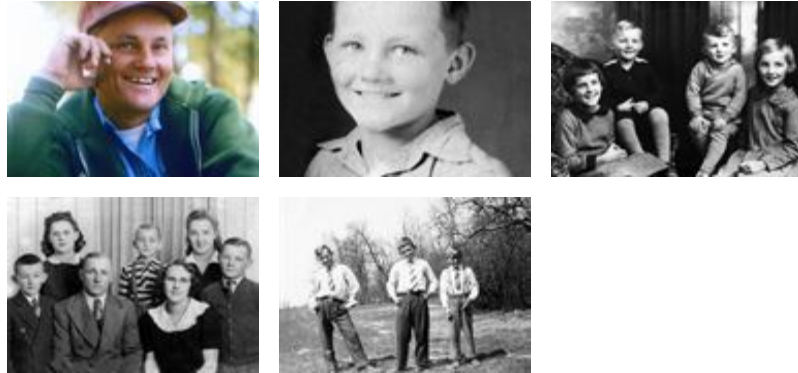
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Cynthia Rogge - August 12, 2023 at 08:59 AM



“ 52 files added to the album Life Tributes



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - August 11, 2023 at 05:24 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Charles "Chuck" Neal.



August 11, 2023 at 04:24 PM



“ Jon Johnson lit a candle in memory of Charles "Chuck" Neal



Jon Johnson - August 11, 2023 at 12:45 PM

DC

“ Dale & Marlene Campbell lit a candle in memory of Charles "Chuck" Neal



Dale and Marlene Campbell - August 11, 2023 at 11:17 AM

WS

“ Wayne & Sheila Stave lit a candle in memory of Charles "Chuck" Neal



Wayne and Sheila Stave - August 10, 2023 at 10:59 PM

SS

“ Len and I enjoyed so many good and often funny conversations together with Chuck and DeeDee when WalMart had their little coffee area.. They were good farmers and good friends. God bless them both.



Sally Siegler - August 10, 2023 at 06:48 PM

LH

“ Leo Haisman lit a candle in memory of Charles "Chuck" Neal



Leo Haisman - August 10, 2023 at 03:22 PM

KT

“ Karen Treangen lit a candle in memory of Charles "Chuck" Neal



Karen Treangen - August 10, 2023 at 12:15 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Charles "Chuck" Neal.



August 10, 2023 at 11:44 AM

KR

“ Our sincere condolences, thoughts & prayers are with the Neal family.
Jonny & Karla Tuinstra

Karla Richardson - August 10, 2023 at 10:35 AM

KR

“ Karla Richardson lit a candle in memory of Charles "Chuck" Neal



Karla Richardson - August 10, 2023 at 10:33 AM

RB

“ *Rita Boehland lit a candle in memory of Charles "Chuck" Neal*



Rita Boehland - August 10, 2023 at 07:15 AM

PD

“ *Patty Desrocher lit a candle in memory of Charles "Chuck" Neal*



Patty Desrocher - August 10, 2023 at 06:49 AM

BB

“ *Lifting all the families in prayer!!*



Barb and Bruce Brown - August 09, 2023 at 04:49 PM

TH

“ *Tammie Hamlin lit a candle in memory of Charles "Chuck" Neal*



Tammie J. Hamlin - August 09, 2023 at 03:59 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Charles "Chuck" Neal.



August 08, 2023 at 05:32 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Charles "Chuck" Neal.

August 08, 2023 at 05:32 PM