



Daniel Colby

April 7, 1942 - April 8, 2024

The Memorial Mass of Christian Burial for Daniel Colby will be celebrated at 11:00a.m. on Tuesday, April 16, at St. Frederick's Catholic Church in Verndale, with Father Lauren Germann as celebrant.

Visitation will be held on Monday, at the Schuller Family Funeral Homes' Verndale Chapel from 5:00-8:00 p.m. with Prayers and a Rosary at 7:00 p.m. Visitation will resume at the church on Tuesday from 9:30a.m. until the time of the Mass.

Burial will be in St Frederick's Catholic Cemetery, Verndale, MN.

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You may view the service by going to Schuller Family Funeral Homes & Cremation Services' FACEBOOK page or YouTube page

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Our dearly loved husband and father, Daniel R. Colby, age 82, passed away at his rural Verndale home, surrounded by his family April 8, 2024, with loving care by his family and Lakewood Hospice of Staples, MN. He is joined in heaven with open arms by his parents, Vida (Witthuhn) and Roy Colby; sister, Elaine Valentine; infant son, Jason; son-in-law, Craig Cameron; and nephew, Jeff Colby.

Daniel Ray Colby was born on April 7, 1942, in Wadena, MN. He farmed with his dad from a very young age. He graduated from Verndale High School with the class of 1960, where he enjoyed being part of the football and basketball

teams. He went on to play football at Bemidji State University. In 1962, Dan joined the National Guard and later drove delivery truck for Sunbeam Bread and the Cenex Co-op. Dan returned to farming in 1969 as it allowed him to spend time with Beth and his young family. As it turned out, Dan realized his passion for farming allowed him to work alongside his children, neighbors, relatives and friends.

Dan began raising potatoes for Ore-Ida and was acknowledged for his dedication. In 1988, the Golden Potato award, for consistent standard of quality, was given to him and his family. Dan always raised beef cattle to make his farm complete. He also enjoyed hauling grain for neighboring farmers. Dan had many hobbies including fishing, hunting, camping and spending time with his family. Also, he looked forward to time spent with the Wadena County Sheriff's Mounted Posse.

What truly mattered to this very humble man, who was larger than life to each of them, was his family. Dan is survived by his high school sweetheart and wife of 60 years, Elizabeth (Davis) Colby; daughters Catherine (John) Breyer, Danelle (Jay) Weiher, Pauline (Jon) Shereck, Rhonda (Mark) Varriano, and son Jacob Colby; brother, Junior (Deeda) Colby and brother-in-law, Ned Valentine. Dan is survived by his proud grandchildren: Andrew (Megan) Breyer; Allyson, Aaron, and Ashton Breyer; Britne (Trevor) Haasch, Daniel (Amber) Weiher; Noah and Zachary Shereck, Justin (Christina) Cameron; Drew and Joseph Varriano; 7 great-grandchildren; along with many nieces and nephews.

Honorary pallbearers will be: Andrew Breyer, Allyson Breyer, Aaron Breyer, Ashton Breyer, Britne Haasch, Daniel Weiher, Noah Shereck, Zachary Shereck, Justin Cameron, Drew Varriano and Joseph Varriano.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Frederick's Catholic Cemetery

16196 County Road 104  
Verndale, MN 56481

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 15. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Verndale Chapel  
9 North Farwell Street  
Verndale, MN 56481  
(218) 445-5191

## Rosary

APR 15. 7:00 PM (CT)

Verndale Chapel  
9 North Farwell Street  
Verndale, MN 56481  
(218) 445-5191

## Visitation

APR 16. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St Frederick's Catholic Church  
20 NW Brown St  
Verndale, MN 56481-4003  
(218) 445-5204

## Service

APR 16. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Frederick's Catholic Church  
20 Mason Ave. NW (aka: US Hwy 10)  
Verndale, MN

# Tribute Wall



“ Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Daniel Colby Service in memory of Daniel Colby



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - April 19, 2024 at 05:56 PM



“ Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Daniel Colby



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - April 13, 2024 at 07:53 PM

LG

*What a wonderful video of memories He will be truly missed*

Lynne Gamm - April 14, 2024 at 02:29 PM

SD

*What a beautiful family!*

Shelly Dukowitz - April 18, 2024 at 06:24 PM

JK

“ *What a beloved man. His kindness, generosity, and love for family and friends will continue on to make our world a better place. . He meant the world to Jeff, to me, and to our children. We are blessed to be part of the Colby legacy. I love you all. My and Phil's hearts are with you. Janet.*

Janet Colby Kettering - April 16, 2024 at 02:48 PM

TF

“ *The Vlcko Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Daniel Colby.*



The Vlcko Family - April 15, 2024 at 08:33 PM

EN

“ *Erik Nordstrom purchased the Decadent Delights Chocolate Gift Basket for the family of Daniel Colby.*



Erik Nordstrom - April 15, 2024 at 05:52 PM

EN

“ *Erik Nordstrom planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Daniel Colby.*

Erik Nordstrom - April 15, 2024 at 05:52 PM



“ Kindest, sweetest gentle-giant and uncle there ever was. Thank you for so many wonderful childhood memories, taking me along in your tractor and tolerating my getting in your way and asking so many questions. You were always patient, kind and made me feel like you cared about me. I'm sure this is how you made all of the kids who visited your farm feel. You were a gift to us all. Love you uncle Dan.

Erik Nordstrom - April 15, 2024 at 05:38 PM

DM

“ I'm so sorry for your loss; my sympathies go out to the entire Colby family.

Doug Masog - April 15, 2024 at 02:45 PM

AB

“ I love you, Grandpa ☐



Allyson Breyer - April 15, 2024 at 01:27 PM

CC

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Christina Cameron - April 15, 2024 at 10:13 AM

CC

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Christina Cameron - April 15, 2024 at 10:12 AM

SI

“ Sebastian & Indira purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Daniel Colby.



Sebastian & Indira - April 15, 2024 at 09:34 AM

SI

“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Daniel Colby.



April 15, 2024 at 09:10 AM

CC

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Christina Cameron - April 14, 2024 at 05:53 PM

RA

“ Rusty Andrews lit a candle in memory of Daniel Colby



Rusty Andrews - April 14, 2024 at 05:16 PM

BW

“ Bill Winkels lit a candle in memory of Daniel Colby



Bill Winkels - April 14, 2024 at 02:55 PM



“ 3 files added to the album LifeTributes



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - April 14, 2024 at 11:13 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Daniel Colby.



April 13, 2024 at 07:55 PM

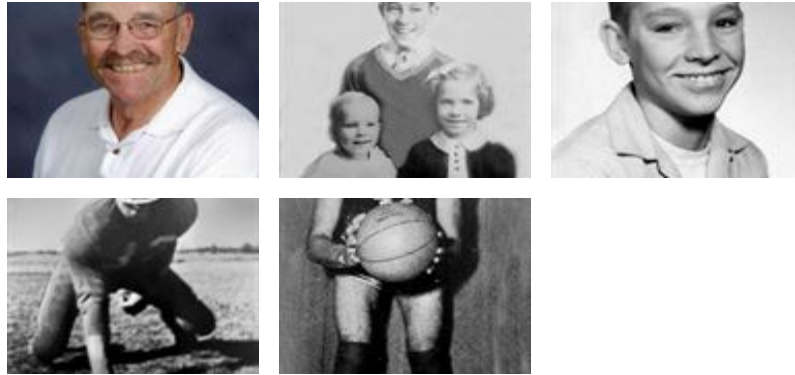
JF

“ Jerome Kneisl Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Daniel Colby.

Jerome Kneisl Family - April 13, 2024 at 07:55 PM



“ 48 files added to the album Life Tributes



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - April 13, 2024 at 07:48 PM

KM

“ Growing up around Danny he was larger then life but such a gentle person, he was all ways a kind man.



Ken Moyer - April 13, 2024 at 07:30 PM

MC

“ McIntire's lit a candle in memory of Daniel Colby



McIntire's - April 13, 2024 at 04:54 PM

AS

“ *Beth and Family,  
If there was not so much love, it wouldn't be so hard to say goodbye*

*My condolences  
Angie Pickar Smith and Family*

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**Angela Smith** - April 13, 2024 at 03:22 PM

TF

“ *The Dick White Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Daniel Colby.*



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**The Dick White Family** - April 13, 2024 at 11:15 AM

DE

“ *There are so many memories of Dan. One I will never forget is when I was babysitting out at their farm by Aldrich. My brothers and I went horse back riding. I had to go bareback and I could not stay on her. Fell off and ended up in the hospital with a concussion, sprained ankle and bruised up back. When I was all healed up Dan told me "Deb you're going to get back on that horse and ride her" ... much to my dismay, but he knew what he was doing. I was able to ride her successfully and it gave me the confidence in riding again which he knew I loved to do. He was such a great uncle. Going to miss you Dan!*

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**Deb Erickson** - April 12, 2024 at 10:16 PM

MC

“ *Marlene Campbell lit a candle in memory of Daniel Colby*



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**Marlene Campbell** - April 12, 2024 at 07:16 PM

LB

“ *Love, Julie and Steven Bauer purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Daniel Colby.*



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**Love, Julie and Steven Bauer** - April 12, 2024 at 06:10 PM

CN

“ *Beth. So sorry to hear of Dans passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I bet Dan and my family are telling some good stories. In my prayers.*  
*Carla (Stokes) and Terry Nelson*

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**carla nelson** - April 12, 2024 at 02:51 PM

MS

“ *Mike & Lea Snyder lit a candle in memory of Daniel Colby*



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**Mike and Lea Snyder** - April 12, 2024 at 02:41 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Daniel Colby.*



April 12, 2024 at 01:15 PM



“ *Beth, may all those good memories and ole sweet times help you thru the coming days.. God will always be with you and your friends will be near. My sympathy.*



**Sally Siegler** - April 11, 2024 at 08:40 PM



“ *Monica & Randy Kallhoff lit a candle in memory of Daniel Colby*



**Monica and Randy Kallhoff** - April 11, 2024 at 07:51 PM



“ *Steve, Bonnie & Zac lit a candle in memory of Daniel Colby*



**Steve & Bonnie & Zac** - April 11, 2024 at 07:34 PM

JH

“ Joe & Diane Hinkle lit a candle in memory of Daniel Colby



Joe and Diane Hinkle - April 11, 2024 at 07:12 PM

CO

“ Carol Osborn lit a candle in memory of Daniel Colby



Carol A Osborn - April 11, 2024 at 07:11 PM

AA

“ Arlys Andrews lit a candle in memory of Daniel Colby



Arlys Andrews - April 11, 2024 at 05:21 PM

BM

“ Barb Masog lit a candle in memory of Daniel Colby



Barb Masog - April 11, 2024 at 03:32 PM

SD

“ Shelly Dukowitz lit a candle in memory of Daniel Colby



Shelly (Otto) Dukowitz - April 11, 2024 at 01:34 PM

TF

“ The Kern Family purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Daniel Colby.



The Kern Family - April 11, 2024 at 12:24 PM

TF

“ The Kern Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Daniel Colby.

The Kern Family - April 11, 2024 at 12:24 PM

JJ

“ Jon Johnson lit a candle in memory of Daniel Colby



Jon Johnson - April 11, 2024 at 11:45 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Daniel Colby.*



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April 11, 2024 at 11:38 AM



“ *Chris Randall lit a candle in memory of Daniel Colby*



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Chris Randall - April 11, 2024 at 10:12 AM



“ *Patty Desrocher lit a candle in memory of Daniel Colby*



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Patty Desrocher - April 11, 2024 at 09:36 AM



“ *Beth and families. So sad to hear of Dan's passing. I guess GOD needed some farmers to rest. He is in the house of our LORD and SAVIOR and he will not hurt anymore. May God bless you all with peace and comfort. Know that one day we too will be called to join our loved ones as GOD has promised. Deepest Sympathys. Jackie and families.*



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Jackie Perius - April 11, 2024 at 08:42 AM

NS

*Beth, I am so sorry for your loss. Dan was the nicest guy to ever work for. Just a wonderful man.*

**Nola Schultz** - April 14, 2024 at 07:54 PM

LM

*As a child, I used to play with Danny and Gary Smith on their farms. I knew about his accomplishments over the years, I am so happy that he had such a wonderful family. The world was truly blessed with a family like that, God certainly was with them and will welcome Dan. Larry Gallagher MD*

**Larry Gallagher MD** - April 21, 2024 at 07:41 PM

BD

“ *Bob & Kathy Derby lit a candle in memory of Daniel Colby*



**Bob and Kathy Derby** - April 10, 2024 at 10:40 PM

RO

“ *Rosemary Oberg lit a candle in memory of Daniel Colby*



**Rosemary Oberg** - April 10, 2024 at 08:46 PM

EF

“ Esther & Alan Freitag lit a candle in memory of Daniel Colby



Esther and Alan Freitag - April 10, 2024 at 08:33 PM

BH

“ Bob & Donna Haman lit a candle in memory of Daniel Colby



Bob & Donna Haman - April 10, 2024 at 08:31 PM

JC

“ Our thoughts , prayers 🙏 and love ♡ are with Beth and family. We are very sorry for the loss of Dan. He was such a good, kind, caring man who always had a great smile on his face.  
\*hugs\*



Jim and Janell Carr - April 10, 2024 at 08:02 PM

LA

“ Luther & Kathie Abrahamson lit a candle in memory of Daniel Colby



Luther & Kathie Abrahamson - April 10, 2024 at 07:59 PM

LC

“ *Lois & Dale Captain lit a candle in memory of Daniel Colby*



Lois & Dale Captain - April 10, 2024 at 07:56 PM

KB

“ *Ken & Judy Broker sent a virtual gift in memory of Daniel Colby*



Ken and Judy Broker - April 10, 2024 at 06:33 PM

MH

“ *Marladene Heinen lit a candle in memory of Daniel Colby*



Marladene Heinen - April 10, 2024 at 06:13 PM

PE

“ *Peter & Margaret Van lit a candle in memory of Daniel Colby*



Peter & Margaret Van Erp - April 10, 2024 at 05:05 PM

BB

“ *Lifting the families in prayer!!*



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**Barb Brown** - April 10, 2024 at 03:50 PM

BT

“ *Sorry Beth for your loss.He had so much common sense.*



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**Ben & Regina Tellers** - April 10, 2024 at 03:15 PM

TA

“ *Colby family, I always loved when he came in the office, biggest smile ever, especially for Danelle. He always asked how you were and what was new!! Sending prayers and hugs....*



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**Tami** - April 10, 2024 at 03:00 PM

LH

“ *Leo Haisman lit a candle in memory of Daniel Colby*



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**Leo Haisman** - April 10, 2024 at 02:25 PM

GD

“ *Gene Mary Denny sent a virtual gift in memory of Daniel Colby*



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**Gene & Mary Denny** - April 10, 2024 at 02:18 PM

SE

“ *Beth, I am so sorry for your loss. I will always remember how sweet Dan was and his wonderful smile! Michelle's friend, Elly*

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**Sue Ellis** - April 10, 2024 at 01:50 PM

CG

“ *Beth & family, our thoughts & prayers are with all of you at this difficult time. What an amazing man.*



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**Chuck & Michelle Goddard** - April 10, 2024 at 01:34 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Daniel Colby.*



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April 10, 2024 at 01:21 PM

TS

“ Tina Stokes-Olson lit a candle in memory of Daniel Colby



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**Tina Stokes-Olson** - April 10, 2024 at 01:15 PM

BR

“ God's Blessings and our love to Beth, Cathy, Danelle, Pauline, Rhonda, Jacob and Sunny during this difficult time. With our deepest sympathy. Brian and Michelle and family



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**Brian & Michelle Richter** - April 10, 2024 at 12:12 PM

JU

“ John Uselman lit a candle in memory of Daniel Colby



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**john uselman** - April 10, 2024 at 11:53 AM

AF

“ Al & Pat Provo families purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Daniel Colby.



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**Al & Pat Provo families** - April 10, 2024 at 11:50 AM

DM

“ Dale & Liz Miller lit a candle in memory of Daniel Colby



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**Dale & Liz Miller** - April 10, 2024 at 11:44 AM