



David L. Houle

March 18, 1932 - November 28, 2012

The Mass of Christian Burial for David Houle of Wadena will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 4, at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Wadena, with Father Timothy Wenzel as celebrant. Friends may call on Monday at the Johnson-Schuller Chapel in Wadena from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m., with a Rosary at 5:00 and Parish Prayers at 5:30 p.m. and at the church on Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of Mass. David died on Wednesday, November 28, 2012, at the age of 80, at Fair Oaks Lodge in Wadena .

David Lloyd Houle was born March 18, 1932, one of eight children, to Lloyd Irving and Katherine (Winzenburg) Houle in a farmhouse east of the Mississippi River in Morrison County, MN. He graduated from Brainerd High School with the class of 1949. He served in the U.S. Armed Forces during the Korean War in the 434th Engineer Construction unit from November 1952 until his honorable discharge in October 1954.

David and Alice Marie Bellefeuille were married on June 17, 1957 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Little Falls. He started working for Pikes Plumbing in high school, eventually becoming a Master Plumber. In 1969, David started the Plumbing Program at Minnesota State Schools and Colleges-Wadena Campus, and taught for 25 years until his retirement in 1994. He was a member of the Plumbers Union for 50 years. In his hours away from work he enjoyed woodcarving, reading, Sudoku, fishing, and construction projects

around their lake home. David was one of the founders of the Wadena Hockey Program and was involved with getting an indoor ice arena for the youth. He was a member of the VFW, the local Woodcarvers Group and St. Ann's Catholic Church, serving as a past member of their school board and parish council. Other interests included traveling to Alaska, Germany and Africa.

Preceding David in death were his parents Lloyd and Katherine and several aunts and uncles.

Surviving David are his wife Alice; children Douglas (Tammy) of Redwood Falls, Denise of Bemidji, Linda (Dennis) Whipple of Vermillion, SD, Wayne (Wendy) of Edina, Kevin (Brandi) of Boise, ID, Gary (Elena) of Cheshire, CT, and Susan (Paul) Norman of Broadlands, VA; grandchildren Hannah, Jordan, Gabrielle, Shinayne, Travis, Caitlin, Allison, Emily, Henry, Svetlana, Natalie, Claire and Gavin; siblings Richard (Doreen) of Coon Rapids, Carroll of Charlottesville, VA, Robert (Becky) of Brainerd, Julie Williams of Tustin, MI, James (Barbara) of Medford, WI, Donald of Coon Rapids and Thomas (Mary) of Medford, WI.

Honorary pallbearers will be members of the Woodcarvers Group. Serving as pallbearers will be Doug, Wayne, Kevin, Gary, Travis and Jordan Houle. Military honors will be provided by The Elmer Goche Post 3922, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Wadena, MN.

Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery in Wadena.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

Franklin Dr. & 6th St SW
Wadena, MN 56482

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 3. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Visitation

DEC 4. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Ann's Catholic Church
514 1st St. SE
Wadena, MN

Service

DEC 4. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Ann's Catholic Church
514 1st St. SE
Wadena, MN

Tribute Wall

EK

“ *Engineering, Deb, Karen purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of David L. Houle.*



Engineering, Deb, Karen - December 03, 2012 at 09:30 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David L. Houle.*



December 03, 2012 at 09:00 AM

DK

“ *Dan Kern lit a candle in memory of David L. Houle*



Dan Kern - December 03, 2012 at 04:59 AM

NO

“ *Nicholas and Nicole Ouke purchased the Let It S now for the family of David L. Houle.*



Nicholas and Nicole Ouke - December 02, 2012 at 04:12 PM

EB

“ Alice and the Houle family,

We are so sorry for your loss. He was a fine man. May you find comfort in all your good memories. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.

Doug and Etta Baker - Boise, Idaho (Kevin's in-laws)

Etta Jane Baker - December 01, 2012 at 02:11 AM

AG

“ Gary, our deepest sympathy to you and all, and a huge hug from Alaska! - Alla and Sergei

Alla Grikurova - November 30, 2012 at 10:35 PM

MF

“ Our sympathy in your loss.



Michael & Marie Fraune - November 30, 2012 at 07:19 PM

BO

“ Brian Olson purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of David L. Houle.



Brian Olson - November 30, 2012 at 11:32 AM

JM

“ As a co-worker with Denise, I'd like to extend my deepest sympathies to your family at this sad time. I know he will be with you always in your hearts.

Sincerely,
Jane McCollom

Jane McCollom - November 30, 2012 at 10:13 AM

AL

“ Angela Lauderbaugh lit a candle in memory of David L. Houle



Angela Lauderbaugh - November 30, 2012 at 08:35 AM

AL

*Denise and Family,
Let your memories hold you and know and the grace of God carries upon you as you travel through this journey of losing a loved one. It is not an easy road, but lean on those who surround you this day.*

Denise you have been so strong through all of this and a "rock" for both your Mom and Dad. Take care of yourselves in the weeks ahead. Take the time to mourn and take the time to celebrate a beautiful life lived.

Love, Angie

Angela Lauderbaugh - November 30, 2012 at 08:40 AM

SH

“ Houle Family- Sending our Sympathies from Red Lake and Bemidji area. Through this tough time, it is family and friends that will keep you strong and lift you up! Remember the good times and share the stories that he has given you to remeber. Your faith will guide you throught this! God Bless you all!

The Hanson family

Scott Hanson - November 30, 2012 at 08:33 AM

LA

“ I have many fond memories of Dave. He always had a smile on his face and was so easy to visit with. I know that Ray and Dave got along well when both were teaching at the Tech School and now they can visit about plumbing and telephones together.

*Laura Alkofer
Park River,ND*

Laura Alkofer - November 29, 2012 at 09:28 PM

RJ

“ Rose Johnson lit a candle in memory of David L. Houle



Rose Johnson - November 29, 2012 at 08:43 PM

TF

“ *Denise and family-
I am so sorry for your loss. The love you had for your father will
always be in your hearts! Prayers for peace and strength.*

Tricia (Stahl) Feilmeyer

Tricia Feilmeyer - November 29, 2012 at 07:48 PM

LR

“ *Dave was an excellent instructor for many years, I was proud of our
plumbing department and also proud to have Dave as a friend. He
was highly respected by the students, employers, and fellow
teachers. You have our deepest sympathies! Lowell & Mary*

Lowell Rasmussen - November 29, 2012 at 04:24 PM