



## Duane "Butch" Davis

April 23, 1932 - April 23, 2015

Duane "Butch" Joseph Davis was born April 23, 1932 at home in rural Wadena to Everett and Saraphine (Winkels) Davis. He completed his journey to the Lord on April 23, 2015 at the age of 83. He passed away at his home in Verndale surrounded by his loving wife and children and under the gentle care of Legacy Hospice of Wadena.

Butch graduated from Verndale High School in 1950. This was preceded by enlisting in the National Guard on November 28, 1949. He married Joan Darlene Harrsion on September 6, 1950. He went into active duty September 19, 1950 and was discharged from the Army June 3, 1952 after serving in the Korean Conflict where he earned the Combat Infantryman's Badge. He was reassigned to the National Guard at that time. He retired from the Guards on April 30, 1972 with the rank of major.

He served as Postmaster in Verndale from 1956-1992. He was a member of the Verndale Fire Department for 35 years. He served as Fire Chief from 1972-1990. He was instrumental in building the First Responder program and bringing the Jaws of Life to Verndale. He was an active member of the Elks, Lions and American Legion. He sold real estate after retiring from the post office and farmed from 1969-1981.

Butch loved having his family around. He and Joan raised eight children. They

owned cabins on Big Pine, Rush and Round Lake, where swimming, learning to water ski, barbeques and stories by the fire were enjoyed by everyone. Butch started the 4th of July boat parade on Round Lake. The family has enjoyed many 4th of July celebrations together. He enjoyed spending time with his family, hugs from his angels, playing cards, fishing, telling jokes and stories.

Butch was preceded in death by his father Everett and mother Saraphine; sisters Donna Mlazgar, Antoinette Corrigan and Eileen Morrison; brother-in-law Alfred Provo and John Mlazgar; infant children Peter and Mary.

He is survived by his wife Joan; daughters Sharon (Larry) Brincefield of Wadena, Debra (Steven) Erickson of Verndale, Pamela (Keith) Schmidt of Sebeka, and DeAnna (Sherrod) Russell of Brooklyn Park; sons Charles (Lorinda) Davis of Verndale, Terrance (Kathie) Davis of Ottertail, James Davis of Golden Valley, and Chad (Cindy) Davis of Brainerd; brothers John, Jerry, Ronnie, and Steve; and sisters Pat Provo, Carol Nordstrom and Beth Colby. He is also survived by 31 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Tuesday, April 28, 2015, 11am at St Ann's Catholic Church in Wadena. Visitation will be at St Frederick's Catholic Church in Verndale on Monday April 29, 2015 from 4-7pm.

Pallbearers are members of the Verndale Fire Department; Mike Madsen, Chuck Goddard, Louis Wegscheid, Steve Schmitz, John Rousslang, Ryan Sundby, Nathan Witthuhn, Wayne Stave and Dan Fisher. Honorary pallbearers are all current and retired members of the Verndale Fire Department.

Military honors will be provided by MNARNG Honor Guard and the Patriot Guard.

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 27. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

## Visitation

APR 28. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

## Service

APR 28. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Duane "Butch" Davis*



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**Schuller Family Funeral Homes** - April 27, 2015 at 03:59 PM

HA

“ *Helen Allee lit a candle in memory of Duane "Butch" Davis*



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**Helen Allee** - April 29, 2015 at 12:02 PM

DH

“ *David Hanshew lit a candle in memory of Duane "Butch" Davis*



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**David Hanshew** - April 28, 2015 at 11:26 AM



“ *America the Beautiful* was purchased for the family of Duane "Butch" Davis.



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April 28, 2015 at 01:10 AM



“ *Esther & Alan Freitag* lit a candle in memory of Duane "Butch" Davis



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**Esther & Alan Freitag** - April 27, 2015 at 08:55 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Duane "Butch" Davis.



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April 27, 2015 at 06:19 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes* was purchased for the family of Duane "Butch" Davis.



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April 27, 2015 at 04:30 PM

LH

“ Larry & Diane Hahn lit a candle in memory of Duane "Butch" Davis



Larry & Diane Hahn - April 27, 2015 at 03:48 PM

LH

“ Legacy Home Health And Hospice lit a candle in memory of Duane "Butch" Davis



Legacy Home Health and Hospice - April 27, 2015 at 02:58 PM

RM

“ Rich & Jan Maxfield lit a candle in memory of Duane "Butch" Davis



Rich & Jan Maxfield - April 27, 2015 at 11:09 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Duane "Butch" Davis.



April 27, 2015 at 09:28 AM

JD

“ *Jane M Dettmer lit a candle in memory of Duane "Butch" Davis*



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**Jane M Dettmer** - April 27, 2015 at 09:12 AM

RS

“ *Roger and Gloria Setterholm*



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**Roger and gloria Setterholm** - April 27, 2015 at 08:00 AM

BR

“ *Brian, Rod, Kurt, and Robbie purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Duane "Butch" Davis.*



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**Brian, Rod, Kurt, and Robbie** - April 26, 2015 at 11:18 PM

RS

“ *Rosalie Milbradt Schmith, retired Verndale Elementary teacher, sends wishes of 'Peace, Love and Beautiful Memories' to Butch's Family!*



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**Rosalie L. Schmith** - April 26, 2015 at 07:29 PM

JB

“ Terry, Sorry for your loss, our prayers and condolences to you and your family. Jim and Peggy Brendel

Jim Brendel - April 26, 2015 at 04:35 PM

JB

“ Sorry for your loss Terry and family. Jim and Peggy Brendel.



Jim Brendel - April 26, 2015 at 04:23 PM

BW

“ Bob And Karen Wallgren lit a candle in memory of Duane "Butch" Davis



Bob and Karen Wallgren - April 26, 2015 at 03:35 PM

JD

“ Jenn Davis lit a candle in memory of Duane "Butch" Davis



Jenn Davis - April 26, 2015 at 03:32 PM

MS

“ Mike And Lea Snyder lit a candle in memory of Duane "Butch" Davis



Mike and Lea Snyder - April 26, 2015 at 02:49 PM

MF

“ Mike And Marie Fraune lit a candle in memory of Duane "Butch" Davis



Mike and Marie Fraune - April 26, 2015 at 01:24 PM

JD

“ Jill (Hosek) Davis lit a candle in memory of Duane "Butch" Davis



Jill (Hosek) Davis - April 25, 2015 at 09:33 PM

BD

“ Bob And Kathy Derby lit a candle in memory of Duane "Butch" Davis



Bob and Kathy Derby - April 25, 2015 at 06:56 PM

LS

“ Heartfelt sympathy to all family and friends...



Len and Sally Siegler - April 25, 2015 at 09:47 AM

SB

“ Sandee Seaton Byrd lit a candle in memory of Duane "Butch" Davis



Sandee Seaton Byrd - April 25, 2015 at 06:57 AM

RW

“ Roger Wiese lit a candle in memory of Duane "Butch" Davis



Roger wiese - April 25, 2015 at 06:47 AM

SH

“ Sharon Heinen lit a candle in memory of Duane "Butch" Davis



Sharon Heinen - April 24, 2015 at 09:53 PM

RA

“ Roger & JoAnn Anderson lit a candle in memory of Duane "Butch" Davis



Roger & JoAnn Anderson - April 24, 2015 at 09:00 PM

JR

“ Jack & Judy Richter lit a candle in memory of Duane "Butch" Davis



Jack & Judy Richter - April 24, 2015 at 08:03 PM

JB

“ Jim And Lorie Baron lit a candle in memory of Duane "Butch" Davis



Jim and Lorie Baron - April 24, 2015 at 06:48 PM

NI

“ Hugs and love to Butch's family. You all are a blessing to me...

Nicole - April 24, 2015 at 06:38 PM

MV

“ Margaret & Peter VanErp lit a candle in memory of Duane "Butch" Davis



Margaret & Peter VanErp - April 24, 2015 at 05:47 PM

JW

“ Judy Wussow lit a candle in memory of Duane "Butch" Davis



Judy Wussow - April 24, 2015 at 05:46 PM

MW

“ Myron & Karen Winkelman lit a candle in memory of Duane "Butch" Davis



Myron & Karen Winkelman - April 24, 2015 at 05:03 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Duane "Butch" Davis.



April 24, 2015 at 02:40 PM

DD

“ *Denise & Julius Dobozenski lit a candle in memory of Duane "Butch" Davis*



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**Denise & Julius Dobozenski** - April 24, 2015 at 02:36 PM

LH

“ *Leo Haisman lit a candle in memory of Duane "Butch" Davis*



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**Leo Haisman** - April 24, 2015 at 01:46 PM

JS

“ *Jim Stoneman lit a candle in memory of Duane "Butch" Davis*



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**Jim Stoneman** - April 24, 2015 at 01:29 PM