



Duane Kneisl

November 10, 1937 - June 1, 2020

A Celebration of Life memorial service for Duane Kneisl, of Battle Lake and formerly of Bertha, will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, June 8, at the New Life Church of God in Bertha, with Pastor Mark Brown presiding. Due to Covid-19 restrictions there will be limited seating at the church.

Visitation will be held at the church on Sunday from 4:00 until 7:00 p.m. and will resume on Monday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the service.

On June 1, 2020, Duane, age 82, passed away peacefully with family by his side at Essentia Hospital in Fargo, ND.

Duane was born to August and Gertrude (Schlagel) Kneisl on November 10, 1937, in Ottertail County, MN. When he was a toddler, his parents moved to a farm outside of Verndale where he attended country school, located across from his home. He then attended the Hewitt School until he was a sophomore and graduated from Verndale High School.

In June of 1956, he married Shirley May Smith, and they lived down the road from his parents. They moved to California for six months where Duane worked at a factory. Missing Minnesota, they returned to the Verndale area. The following year, they moved to Aurora where Duane worked in the iron mines. By 1960, they bought their farm west of Bertha where Duane farmed

with his family for 55 years. He enjoyed combining in the fall and was able to help his sons right up through the fall of 2019. In the mid 1970s Duane and his best friend Orrin started D & O Concrete which operated until the early 1980's. Duane and Shirley decided to sell the farm and move to the lake near Vining in 2016, and later moved to Battle Lake.

Duane was active in the Bertha Community, serving on the School Board, Lions Club, and 35 years on the Bank Board. His hobbies included hunting, fishing, golfing and hosting many card parties. Foremost was watching his grandchildren grow. He loved spending time attending their school events. He had the joy of seeing his great-grandchildren enter the world and was proud that he could name all 30 of them in order!

He was a wonderful man who will be missed by many.

Duane is survived by his wife Shirley of Battle Lake; children Mike (Arnette) Kneisl of Bertha, Brad (Brenda) Kneisl of Henning, Kathy (Steve) Kuhnke and Steve (Janet) Kneisl both of Bertha; 12 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren; along with siblings Arnold (Darlene) Kneisl of Wadena and Jerome (Lois) Kneisl of Staples.

Duane was preceded in death by his parents August and Gertrude; grandson Aaron Kneisl and half-brother Donald Bush.

Honorary urnbearers will be Duane's grandchildren.

Burial will be in St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery, Bertha, MN.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery - Bertha

43815 County Road 1
Bertha, MN 56437

Previous Events

Gathering of Family & Friends

JUN 7. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

New Life Church of God
401 Main St. - West
Bertha, MN 56437

Gathering of Family & Friends

JUN 8. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

New Life Church of God
401 Main St. - West
Bertha, MN 56437

Celebration of Life

JUN 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

New Life Church of God
401 Main St. - West
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Tribute Wall



“ *Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Duane Kneisl*



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - June 05, 2020 at 05:46 PM

SB

A wonderful tribute. A wonderful family.

Sherry Bertram - June 05, 2020 at 07:10 PM

BW

Beautiful

Bruce Wiese - June 05, 2020 at 10:05 PM



Oh so comforting.

Arnette Kneisl - June 06, 2020 at 08:56 AM

LH

Blessed Memories!

Lisa Hoemberg - June 08, 2020 at 11:31 AM

DE

That was a wonderful video! Duane lived a good life-prayers to all his family!

Derek - June 08, 2020 at 12:18 PM

JE

What great memories, sympathies to all 🙏

Julie Eidenschink - June 12, 2020 at 02:04 PM

DN

“ *I just saw Duane's obituary and I'm in shock. I'd been trying to call and now his phone is disconnected. When I worked at New Dimensions I had the privilege and honor of working for Duane and Shirley. They became like immediate family as Duane reminded me so much of my grandfather who was my hero. I am so so sad to hear of this. I would sign to him every time I was there and he said "keep your day job" just to tease me. We had the opportunity to go to Shoreline with him and Shirley after they moved to Battle Lake. I will so miss him.
Sending blessings to your entire family, Dalynn Newborg,
Underwood*

dalynn newborg - July 09, 2020 at 07:50 PM

LG

“ *Shirley and family, Here is a voice from the past. About 60 years ago. When Duane was living on the Wing River SW of Verndale. We all got together to play ball or fish on the Wing River with Gary Smith, Gary Wing, Danny Colby. And of course you were like family, sharing a common uncle in Wayne & Ann Smith. Got together at many family reunions when we were kids. Enjoyed seeing the tribute and what a wonderful family and life you had with Duane. May God bring you comfort and peace with all your good memories. Larry Gallagher MD*



Larry J Gallagher - June 19, 2020 at 03:22 PM

MF

“ *Mark & Renee Frethem lit a candle in memory of Duane Kneisl*



Mark & Renee Frethem - June 12, 2020 at 09:00 PM



“ *My deepest sympathies to all of Duane's family. Having grown up on a dairy farm not far from Duane and Shirley's, I've always enjoyed looking at the big Kneisl farm along the banks of the Wing River and admiring the healthy crops that always grew there.*

Peace to you and yours.

Blane Klemek, Becida, MN.

Blane Klemek - June 08, 2020 at 02:45 PM

SH

“ *We enjoyed Duane and Shirleys visit to Alaska and Duane caught a nice Ling Cod fishing out of Seward with Steve Hartung. A great friend and fisherman! We're gonna miss that guy!*



Steve Hartung - June 08, 2020 at 02:08 AM

SS

“ So very sorry for your loss to all the Kneisl Family. Duane was a great guy always friendly. Prayers for comfort. God Bless.

Sandy/Ray South - June 07, 2020 at 06:02 PM

KS

“ Kelly Sellnow lit a candle in memory of Duane Kneisl



Kelly Sellnow - June 07, 2020 at 01:59 PM

JA

“ John Allen lit a candle in memory of Duane Kneisl



john allen - June 07, 2020 at 06:35 AM

LF

“ I'll never forget the times I got to spend with Duane. He will always have a special place in my heart along with the entire Kneisl family.

Logan and Family - June 06, 2020 at 09:08 PM

GL

“ *Gayle And John Loberg lit a candle in memory of Duane Kneisl*



Gayle and John Loberg - June 06, 2020 at 08:33 PM

DD

“ *Shirley and family, please know you are all in my thoughts and prayers .*

Deb Dague - June 05, 2020 at 10:02 PM

CW

“ *Bruce and I are so sorry for your family's loss. May God comfort you all at this time.*



Carol and Bruce Wiese - June 05, 2020 at 09:58 PM



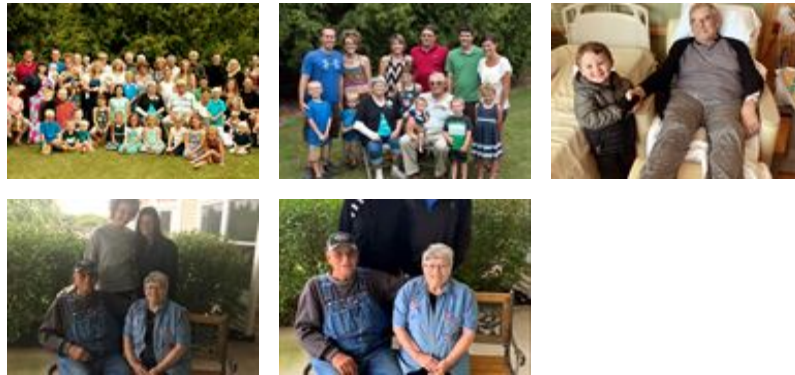
“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Duane Kneisl.*



June 05, 2020 at 06:59 PM



“ 51 files added to the album Life Tributes



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - June 05, 2020 at 05:40 PM

LS

“ *Lea And Mike Snyder lit a candle in memory of Duane Kneisl*



Lea and Mike Snyder - June 05, 2020 at 02:35 PM

DS

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the Kneisl family with the loss of Duane who was a great influence on me growing up and working on their farm. There are lots of good memories including Shirley's great meals, lots of sweat in that hay loft and watching the whole family grow up. RIP Duane, a really great guy!*

Dick Sagehorn - June 05, 2020 at 01:46 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Duane Kneisl.*



June 05, 2020 at 01:41 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Duane Kneisl.*



June 05, 2020 at 11:28 AM



“ *Jennifer Nickolite lit a candle in memory of Duane Kneisl*



Jennifer Nickolite - June 05, 2020 at 10:50 AM



“ *Luther & Kathie Abrahamson lit a candle in memory of Duane Kneisl*



Luther & Kathie Abrahamson - June 04, 2020 at 09:47 PM

KA

“ *Kathie & Luther Abrahamson*

kathie/Luther Abrahamson - June 04, 2020 at 08:41 PM



“ *I will always remember betting on basketball games with Duane, and usually losing. Going for chicken and chasing cows when we got home all the time. You will be greatly missed. Prayers to Shirley and the family.*

Steve and Sherrie(Thurston)Lorentz

Sherrie Lorentz - June 04, 2020 at 07:28 PM



“ *Sherrie Lorentz lit a candle in memory of Duane Kneisl*



Sherrie Lorentz - June 04, 2020 at 07:25 PM

CH

“ *CHARLIE HARLOW lit a candle in memory of Duane Kneisl*



CHARLIE HARLOW - June 04, 2020 at 07:16 PM

JR

“ Duane was hard-working and avid outdoorsman that valued time spent with family and friends. Duane was my uncle. I have nothing but good memories of the many holiday dinners shared with the Kneisel family. My condolences to the entire family . R.I.P. Duane. Jim Rude



Jim Rude - June 04, 2020 at 07:07 PM

DO

“ Doug And Joan Ostlund lit a candle in memory of Duane Kneisl



Doug and Joan Ostlund - June 04, 2020 at 04:08 PM

GK

“ Gene & Sandy Kapphahn lit a candle in memory of Duane Kneisl



Gene & Sandy Kapphahn - June 04, 2020 at 12:45 PM

DT

“ Dennis & Susan Thiel purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Duane Kneisl.



Dennis & Susan Thiel - June 04, 2020 at 11:57 AM

GA

“ *Gene & Roxanne Arndt lit a candle in memory of Duane Kneisl*



Gene & Roxanne Arndt - June 04, 2020 at 10:00 AM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Duane Kneisl.*



June 04, 2020 at 09:09 AM



“ *Duane Sibert lit a candle in memory of Duane Kneisl*



Duane Sibert - June 04, 2020 at 12:56 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Duane Kneisl.*



June 04, 2020 at 12:14 AM

LC

“ *Lois/Dale Captain lit a candle in memory of Duane Kneisl*



Lois/Dale Captain - June 03, 2020 at 11:24 PM

DT

“ *Diane Teigland lit a candle in memory of Duane Kneisl*



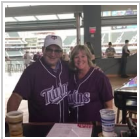
Diane Teigland - June 03, 2020 at 10:59 PM

MA

“ *Mark & Barb Allen lit a candle in memory of Duane Kneisl*



Mark & Barb Allen - June 03, 2020 at 10:50 PM



“ *Cindy Muzetras lit a candle in memory of Duane Kneisl*



Cindy Muzetras - June 03, 2020 at 10:28 PM

JJ

“ *Jon & Patty Johnson lit a candle in memory of Duane Kneisl*



Jon & Patty Johnson - June 03, 2020 at 10:00 PM

BL

“ *Betty Lipinski lit a candle in memory of Duane Kneisl*



Betty Lipinski - June 03, 2020 at 08:01 PM

MB

“ *Mark Brown lit a candle in memory of Duane Kneisl*



Mark Brown - June 03, 2020 at 07:51 PM

MP

“ *Morris And Karen Priebe lit a candle in memory of Duane Kneisl*



Morris and Karen Priebe - June 03, 2020 at 06:40 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Duane Kneisl.*



June 03, 2020 at 05:25 PM



“ *Marie Fraune lit a candle in memory of Duane Kneisl*



Marie Fraune - June 03, 2020 at 03:19 PM



“ *Kevin Hennagir lit a candle in memory of Duane Kneisl*



Kevin Hennagir - June 03, 2020 at 03:08 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Duane Kneisl.*



June 03, 2020 at 03:07 PM

JB

“ *Janice Bastian lit a candle in memory of Duane Kneisl*



Janice Bastian - June 03, 2020 at 03:07 PM

WJ

“ *Wilferd & Shirley Johnson lit a candle in memory of Duane Kneisl*



Wilferd & Shirley Johnson - June 03, 2020 at 12:35 PM

GG

“ *Ginger & Roland Gilbert lit a candle in memory of Duane Kneisl*



Ginger & Roland Gilbert - June 03, 2020 at 09:46 AM

RH

“ *Rhonda Peterson Heggerston lit a candle in memory of Duane Kneisl*



Rhonda Peterson Heggerston - June 03, 2020 at 07:54 AM

JK

“ Jennifer Werhan And Kids lit a candle in memory of Duane Kneisl



Jennifer Werhan and kids - June 03, 2020 at 03:32 AM

DH

“ Darrell & Lisa Hoemberg lit a candle in memory of Duane Kneisl



Darrell & Lisa Hoemberg - June 02, 2020 at 11:44 PM

GM

“ Gene And Mary sent a virtual gift in memory of Duane Kneisl



Gene and Mary - June 02, 2020 at 11:14 PM

DH

“ Your family is in our thoughts and prayers!



Darrell & Lisa Hoemberg - June 02, 2020 at 10:18 PM

TC

“ *Tabitha Captain lit a candle in memory of Duane Kneisl*



Tabitha Captain - June 02, 2020 at 09:43 PM

RK

“ *Rich & Mavis Kendall lit a candle in memory of Duane Kneisl*



Rich & Mavis Kendall - June 02, 2020 at 08:57 PM

GW

“ *Glen Donna Wood lit a candle in memory of Duane Kneisl*



Glen Donna Wood - June 02, 2020 at 08:49 PM

RB

“ *Rita Boehland lit a candle in memory of Duane Kneisl*



Rita Boehland - June 02, 2020 at 08:47 PM

DC

“ *Dan And Beth Colby lit a candle in memory of Duane Kneisl*



Dan and Beth Colby - June 02, 2020 at 08:09 PM

DH

“ *Thoughts and prayers for your entire family* 🙏❤️



Darrell & Lisa Hoemberg - June 02, 2020 at 06:59 PM

JO

“ *Jimmy And Tina Olson lit a candle in memory of Duane Kneisl*



Jimmy and Tina Olson - June 02, 2020 at 06:53 PM

GD

“ *Gene & Mary Denny sent a virtual gift in memory of Duane Kneisl*



Gene & Mary Denny - June 02, 2020 at 06:29 PM

Jl

“ Jerry And Irene lit a candle in memory of Duane Kneisl



Jerry and Irene - June 02, 2020 at 05:15 PM

Jl

“ We had a lot of good times with Duane and Shirley and he will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Shirley and the family. Jerry and Irene Baron

Jerry and Irene - June 02, 2020 at 05:14 PM

RA

“ Rita Anderson lit a candle in memory of Duane Kneisl



Rita Anderson - June 02, 2020 at 05:14 PM

RA

“ Rita Anderson lit a candle in memory of Duane Kneisl



Rita Anderson - June 02, 2020 at 04:30 PM