

## Dr. Duane "Doc" Ness

July 15, 1927 - November 10, 2018

The funeral service Celebrating the Life of Dr. Duane Ness "Doc", of Wadena, will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 17, at the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Wadena, with Pastor Jim Stoneman presiding. Visitation will be held at the Church on Friday from 4:00 until 7:00 p.m. and will resume at the church on Saturday from 12:30 p.m. until the time of the service.

With family at his side, Duane, age 91, passed away on Saturday, November 10, 2018, at the North Memorial Hospital in Minneapolis, MN.

Duane Ellsworth Ness was born to Arthur C. and Florence (Jensen) Ness on July 15, 1927, in Minneapolis, MN. He attended Washburn High School, worked at his father's pharmacy as a soda fountain jerk, and often spent summers at his grandma's farm near Bemidji. Duane served in the US Navy during WWII and was stationed in San Diego, CA as a medic. He was honorably discharged as a Lieutenant Junior Grade. Following his military service he attended the University of Minnesota undergraduate and medical school.

In 1955, while in medical school, Duane met Stephanie "Stevie" Vincent of Coleraine, and they were married on September 15, 1956. They moved to Duluth for his residency and by 1958 they made their home in Wadena where

they raised their children, Cindy, Eric and Paul. Away from work, he enjoyed fishing, hunting, golfing, woodcarving, traveling, and reading, particularly about WWII.

All who knew Duane experienced the selfless, empathetic, trusting, and honorable qualities of his gentle soul. He was a care-giver to the Nth degree, especially when Stevie's health was failing. He was a generous, well-educated and traveled man who easily and humbly shared his experiences and wisdom.

Duane was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 57 years, Stevie, on July 12, 2014; parents, Arthur and Florence; son Eric; in-laws Ben and Ena Vincent; and brother Marshall Ness.

Memories of Duane will be treasured by his children Cindy of Fridley; and son Paul (Alyssa) of Excelsior; grandchildren Julienne, Noelle, Joseph and Saralynn; brother John (Jackie) Ness; sister-in-law Mary Ness; and a host of colleagues, neighbors and friends.

Burial will be next to his wife in Wadena Cemetery, Wadena, MN.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials go to the First Congregational United Church of Christ, 110 Colfax Ave. SW, Wadena, MN.

# Cemetery Details

## Wadena Cemetery

Franklin Drive & 5th St. SW  
Wadena, MN 56482

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 16. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

First Congregational United Church of Christ  
Colfax Ave. & 1st St. SW  
Wadena, MN 56482

## Visitation

NOV 17. 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

First Congregational United Church of Christ  
Colfax Ave. & 1st St. SW  
Wadena, MN 56482

## Celebration of Life

NOV 17. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Congregational United Church of Christ  
Colfax Ave. & 1st St. SW  
Wadena, MN 56482



# Tribute Wall

LT

“ Should have enough of the Wadena wood carvers now to start a new club up there. Rest In Peace to a great person ...thanks for everything Doc'. Les & Sarah

Les Thorstenson - November 22, 2018 at 06:24 PM

HA

“ Helen Allee lit a candle in memory of Dr. Duane "Doc" Ness



Helen Allee - November 21, 2018 at 09:22 AM

HA

“ Dr. Ness was a wonderful man and doctor. My mother and I both had him as our doctor and he was so understanding and really listened to you. Great guy.

Helen Allee - November 21, 2018 at 08:25 AM

TB

“ I had the privilege to get to know Duane over this past year and he was such a nice man. He talked very highly of his family. He loved talking just how brilliant and talented his children and grandchildren were. You could tell he was very proud. He talked about you all every day. I don't think I had a conversation where it didn't include “ well let me talk to Paul or Cindy”... he cared about you all so much. I hope that brings joy and happiness to your family during these difficult times ahead, knowing he wanted us all to know how great of a family he had.

Tabetha Boe - November 20, 2018 at 01:03 AM

PA

“ *Dr Ness was such an awesome Man as well as Dr ,what an inspiration he was to many people , He will be greatly missed .*



Polly Anderson - November 19, 2018 at 02:38 AM

P(

“ *Polly Anderson (Kern) lit a candle in memory of Dr. Duane "Doc" Ness*



Polly Anderson (Kern) - November 19, 2018 at 02:34 AM

JP

“ *Jackie Perius lit a candle in memory of Dr. Duane "Doc" Ness*



jackie perius - November 16, 2018 at 04:02 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dr. Duane "Doc" Ness.*



November 15, 2018 at 03:53 PM

DS

“ Donna & Dan Sartell lit a candle in memory of Dr. Duane "Doc" Ness



Donna & Dan Sartell - November 15, 2018 at 02:19 PM

NP

“ My condolences to the family. Dr. Ness was one of the finest & best doctor a person could ever have! He will be dearly missed. Another angel called home.

nancy peyerl - November 14, 2018 at 10:46 PM



“ Glenda Flores lit a candle in memory of Dr. Duane "Doc" Ness



Glenda Flores - November 14, 2018 at 10:27 PM

RL

“ Ruby Lynk lit a candle in memory of Dr. Duane "Doc" Ness



Ruby Lynk - November 13, 2018 at 09:38 PM

SF

“ *Sally Lehr and family purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Dr. Duane "Doc" Ness.*



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**Sally Lehr and family** - November 13, 2018 at 06:15 PM

 Roxy Doehling

“ *Roxy Doehling lit a candle in memory of Dr. Duane "Doc" Ness*



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**Roxy Doehling** - November 13, 2018 at 04:58 PM

JC

“ *Dr. Duane Ness was very good to Wadena and will truly be missed. I worked for his dad and brother John back in the 60's at their Drugstore in south Minneapolis where I met Duane the first time. John Carter Port Townsend Washington.*

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**John Carter** - November 13, 2018 at 04:41 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Dr. Duane "Doc" Ness.*



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November 13, 2018 at 03:46 PM

GM

“ We have so many fond memories of Duane, both as my old neighbor and friend over the years and Gord remembers the "Library Club" and golf. God Bless gwen and gordy Macklem



**gwen macklem** - November 13, 2018 at 02:58 PM

MV

“ Myrtle Vierkanr lit a candle in memory of Dr. Duane "Doc" Ness



**Myrtle Vierkanr** - November 13, 2018 at 01:20 PM

MF

“ A special man of integrity who was our family Doctor for many years, besides being a neighbor, will be missed by many. ~~~Marie Carlson Fraune



**Marie Fraune** - November 13, 2018 at 09:19 AM

JB

“ I am so sorry for your loss Cindy and Saralynn, I loved this gentle soul . We had some great visits and I loved bringing him muffins when I could find him home.He will truly be missed . Prayer love and hugs to all  
Lorie Baron



**Jim & Lorie Baron** - November 13, 2018 at 09:01 AM

JM

“ He delivered our kids :) He was the sweetest & most caring man..His eyes were always smiling .He took the time to really listen to you and you never felt rushed . He will be so missed . Prayer to the family . Jim & Jackie McManigle



Jackie & Jim McManigle - November 13, 2018 at 12:27 AM

DS

“ Dave Schumacher lit a candle in memory of Dr. Duane "Doc" Ness



Dave Schumacher - November 12, 2018 at 10:45 PM

DH

“ Darrell & Peggy Haman lit a candle in memory of Dr. Duane "Doc" Ness



Darrell & Peggy Haman - November 12, 2018 at 06:16 PM

S(

“ Shary L Olson (umland) lit a candle in memory of Dr. Duane "Doc" Ness



shary I Olson (umland) - November 12, 2018 at 06:07 PM

MN

“ *Marilyn Nervig lit a candle in memory of Dr. Duane "Doc" Ness*



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**marilyn nervig** - November 12, 2018 at 04:51 PM

JS

“ *Jim & Tracey Stoneman*



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**Jim & Tracey Stoneman** - November 12, 2018 at 03:03 PM

LB

“ *Leona & Neal Bowman lit a candle in memory of Dr. Duane "Doc" Ness*



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**Leona & Neal Bowman** - November 12, 2018 at 02:47 PM

DB

“ *Dorothy & Ray Beyer lit a candle in memory of Dr. Duane "Doc" Ness*



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**Dorothy & Ray Beyer** - November 12, 2018 at 01:04 PM

AP

“ Arleen A. Paulson lit a candle in memory of Dr. Duane "Doc" Ness



Arleen A. Paulson - November 12, 2018 at 12:59 PM

 Brittany Dunn

“ Brittany Dunn lit a candle in memory of Dr. Duane "Doc" Ness



Brittany Dunn - November 12, 2018 at 11:27 AM

KE

“ Thoughts and prayers are with your family Paul. I have great memories of your dad!

Kim Ellison - November 12, 2018 at 09:55 AM

ME

“ Margaret & Peter Van Erp lit a candle in memory of Dr. Duane "Doc" Ness



Margaret & Peter Van Erp - November 12, 2018 at 09:23 AM

MT

“ *Missy Tabery lit a candle in memory of Dr. Duane "Doc" Ness*



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**Missy Tabery** - November 12, 2018 at 07:43 AM

PD

“ *Patty Desrocher lit a candle in memory of Dr. Duane "Doc" Ness*



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**Patty Desrocher** - November 12, 2018 at 07:34 AM

BG

“ *Bob & Donna Grendahl lit a candle in memory of Dr. Duane "Doc" Ness*



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**Bob & Donna Grendahl** - November 11, 2018 at 11:43 PM



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November 11, 2018 at 10:30 PM

CA

“ Thoughts and prayers to Dr Ness's family



Cindy Anderson - November 11, 2018 at 10:26 PM

BD

“ Bob And Kathy Derby lit a candle in memory of Dr. Duane "Doc" Ness



Bob and Kathy Derby - November 11, 2018 at 10:22 PM

JE

“ Judy Erdahl lit a candle in memory of Dr. Duane "Doc" Ness



Judy Erdahl - November 11, 2018 at 10:05 PM

KL

“ Karen Johnson And Allan Lynk lit a candle in memory of Dr. Duane "Doc" Ness



Karen Johnson and Allan Lynk - November 11, 2018 at 09:56 PM

SW

“ Dr. Ness was my family doctor since I was 4, and he delivered my son in 1985. I graduated with Steve. My thoughts are with the family.

Suz Wipperling - November 11, 2018 at 09:51 PM

GD

“ Gene & Mary Denny lit a candle in memory of Dr. Duane "Doc" Ness



Gene & Mary Denny - November 11, 2018 at 09:45 PM

VT

“ Dr. Ness was a wonderful man. Always had such a caring heart. He delivered most of my kids and my brothers and sisters. He will be missed.

Vickie and Jim Thompson

Vickie & Jim Thompson - November 11, 2018 at 09:41 PM

LK

“ Lela Kruse lit a candle in memory of Dr. Duane "Doc" Ness



Lela Kruse - November 11, 2018 at 08:12 PM

DF

“ *Dave & Sharon Folkestad lit a candle in memory of Dr. Duane "Doc" Ness*



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**Dave & Sharon Folkestad** - November 11, 2018 at 07:06 PM

BN

“ *Barry & Sandi Pratt & Naomi lit a candle in memory of Dr. Duane "Doc" Ness*



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**Barry & Sandi Pratt & Naomi** - November 11, 2018 at 07:06 PM

SS

“ *We rode the casino bus with Dr. Ness. He was very quiet and respectful. Polite and gracious. He gave me a couple of good tips. He once told me that i could double my money by folding it over and putting it back in my pocket. His best advice to me was that i could leave the casino with a small fortune if i went there with a large one. Good advice for all of us.. Blessings.*



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**sally schaffhausen siegler** - November 11, 2018 at 07:02 PM

JV

“ *Jim And Marilyn Vorderbruggen lit a candle in memory of Dr. Duane "Doc" Ness*



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**Jim and Marilyn Vorderbruggen** - November 11, 2018 at 06:58 PM

BW

“ *Bob & Phyllis Wilkening lit a candle in memory of Dr. Duane "Doc" Ness*



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**Bob & Phyllis Wilkening** - November 11, 2018 at 06:05 PM

MS

“ *Mike And Lea Snyder lit a candle in memory of Dr. Duane "Doc" Ness*



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**Mike and Lea Snyder** - November 11, 2018 at 04:39 PM

JB

“ *Dr. Ness was a truly remarkable man. May he rest in peace.*



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**Joyce Boyne** - November 11, 2018 at 04:27 PM