

## Lyle Spencer

October 7, 1941 - March 11, 2014

The Mass of Christian Burial for Lyle Spencer of Wadena will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, March 17, 2014, at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Wadena, with Father Aaron Kuhn as celebrant. Friends may call on Sunday, at the Johnson-Schuller Chapel in Wadena from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m., with Parish Prayers at 6:00p.m. Visitation will resume on Monday, at the church from 9:30 a.m. until the time of Mass. Surrounded by his family, Lyle passed away at the age of 72, on Tuesday, March 11, 2014, at his home in rural Wadena, MN.

Lyle was born to Stuart and Jennie (Randall) Spencer on October 7, 1941 at their home in Huntersville, MN. Lyle was united in marriage with Dianna Mae Henrich on October 26, 1963 at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Wadena. Along with raising their children, Lyle and Dianna cared for many foster children who needed a place to feel loved. He was an independent truck driver for a time and drove semi for Cenex. Lyle will also be remembered as a heavy equipment operator, and in his last few years, a foreman of the Wadena County Highway department until his retirement in 1989. He loved to plow snow and drive a road grader! His spare time was used in woodworking, camping, hunting and fishing. He played amateur baseball for teams in Nimrod, Bluffton and Wadena. Lyle was an avid Minnesota Twins baseball and Vikings football fan.

Lyle was preceded in death by his parents Stuart and Jennie; sisters Bonnie

Currie and Donna Roiko; and niece Colleen Hegg.

He is survived by his devoted wife Dianna; children Sherry (Lance) Linnes of Texas, Jenifer (Jay) Hotakainen of Wadena, Cara Ruwersma of Fargo, ND, and Russ Columbus of Minneapolis; grandchildren Lee, Emma, Chani (Brian), Lucas (Alisha), Jordan, Aaron, Evan, Ashton and Ares; great-grandchildren Kaelyn, Raeleigh, Paisley and Lucas Jr.; brothers Lynn (Carol) Spencer of Wadena, Dave (Gwyn) Spencer of Nashville, TN, and Larry (Mary) Spencer of Zimmerman; sisters Ann (Paul) Strong of Apple Valley and Ruth Sanders of Hopkins; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Honorary pallbearers will be his fellow coworkers at the Wadena County Highway Department, and all Wadena County foster children from 1967 to 1997. Pallbearers will be Terry Strong, Tom Nelson, Keith Waln, Gregg Spencer, Kyle Horsman and Doug Spencer.

Burial will be in the Wadena Cemetery.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 16. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

## Visitation

MAR 17. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

## Service

MAR 17. 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 Lyle Spencer*



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**Schuller Family Funeral Homes** - March 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ *Sorry to hear of Lyle's passing. He was so friendly and helpful when we rode on the airport shuttle with him. Always going the extra mile to pick up or drop us off at home.*

*Same at the car wash, always helping us there as well.*

*Our thoughts and prayers.*

*Dorothy and Ray Beyer*

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**Raymond Beyer** - March 17, 2014 at 01:06 PM

DH

“ *So sorry to hear of Lyle's passing. He truly will be missed. He was a great neighbor always so nice and never without a smile. Dan & Audrey Hansen*



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**Dan & Audrey Hansen** - March 15, 2014 at 11:24 PM

AN

“ I am so glad I was able to meet Lyle - what a wonderful, funny man he was! My deepest condolences and prayers of love and healing go out to the family and all those who loved him.



Andrea - March 15, 2014 at 08:28 PM

PO

“ Pollyanderson lit a candle in memory of Lyle Spencer



pollyanderson - March 15, 2014 at 06:27 PM

PO

Our hearts and prayers are with your beautiful family at this time of great loss Love Vic Kern & Daughter Polly Anderson & family

pollyanderson - March 15, 2014 at 06:29 PM

PO

“ Pollyanderson lit a candle in memory of Lyle Spencer



pollyanderson - March 15, 2014 at 06:26 PM

BF

“ We are very sorry to hear of Lyle's passing. Your family has our condolences in this sad time. (25:8)

Burts family - March 15, 2014 at 12:12 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Lyle Spencer.



March 15, 2014 at 10:44 AM



“ Lee And Linda lit a candle in memory of Lyle Spencer



Lee and Linda - March 15, 2014 at 09:03 AM



“ Sending Our Love! Karen, Tina lit a candle in memory of Lyle Spencer



sending our love! Karen, Tina - March 14, 2014 at 11:15 PM



We will miss you God rest your soul

Lee and Linda - March 15, 2014 at 09:04 AM

MS

“ From all of us in Illinois our heart felt sorrow with all the memories from the farm to hunting and fishing with Lyle and Lynn , Donna , and the rest. They are memories I hold on to and smile when ever I tell them..... will miss you my cousin

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**mike spencer** - March 14, 2014 at 07:32 PM

MH

“ Mike & Sue Henrich purchased the Sweet Tender ness for the family of Lyle Spencer.



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**Mike & Sue Henrich** - March 14, 2014 at 08:11 AM

DK

“ Dan Kern lit a candle in memory of Lyle Spencer



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**Dan Kern** - March 14, 2014 at 06:52 AM

CC

“ Oh grandpa how I am going to miss you so much! Well Kaelyn informed us that you will be going to Egypt with Jesus and i am ok with. We are sure going to miss you but we know you will be in a better place. Oh and don't forget your battrees when you go. I love you so much.

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**chani cormier** - March 13, 2014 at 06:51 PM

DM

“ *Dixie Murray lit a candle in memory of Lyle Spencer*



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**Dixie Murray** - March 13, 2014 at 06:19 PM

VM

“ *Dianna, Our thoughts and prayers for your family at this very difficult time. It was always fun to see you two when we would get to Wadena. Dennis and Vernie (Rentz) Mellesmoen*

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**Vernie Mellesmoen** - March 13, 2014 at 02:20 PM

DB

“ *Denise Bristlin lit a candle in memory of Lyle Spencer*



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**denise bristlin** - March 13, 2014 at 01:51 PM

BS

“ *So many good memories growing up with the Spencer Family! I feel fortunate to have known Lyle... I remember him throwing the football to Mike and I and he had a rocket that would knock you over! He always made time for others... God Bless!*

*Ben & Brenda Stevens*

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**Ben Stevens** - March 13, 2014 at 12:47 PM

LI

“ *Dianna, Sher, Jennifer we want you to know we feel blessed to have gotten to spend time with your husband/father this past winter in Mission Texas. What a kind and fun guy. He seemed to really enjoy his time here.....possibly seeing for himself the new life his eldest daughter has chosen to follow! I think he thought what a great adventure for Sher and Lance! I think he loved the idea of Jenn and Dianna keeping the home ready for him too!!! Love to you all.... Memories are our best friends during this time! Tim and Lois Irvin*



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**lois irvin** - March 13, 2014 at 08:18 AM

SM

“ *Sherry  
Sorry to hear of your dad's passing. I remember sitting in your kitchen when we were so young. And I remember the quiet, gentle giant he seemed to be*



*Sandy (Geiser) Martin*

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**Sandy Geiser Martin** - March 13, 2014 at 07:33 AM

PL

“ *Pat Lorentz lit a candle in memory of Lyle Spencer*



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**Pat Lorentz** - March 12, 2014 at 11:19 PM

TC

“ Tom And Cheryl lit a candle in memory of Lyle Spencer



Tom and Cheryl - March 12, 2014 at 09:33 PM

LH

“ I remember all the fun we had on the farm. My thoughts and prayers to the Spencer family. Lynn

Lynn housey,nelson - March 12, 2014 at 09:12 PM

SK

“ Lyle will be missed for sure. He was a GREAT neighbor to have for sure.

scott j kerbn - March 12, 2014 at 09:07 PM

SK

“ Tyler will be missed for sure...he was a great neighbor to have! He always honked at me when he drove by our house. your whole family has my blessings.

scott j kerbn - March 12, 2014 at 08:56 PM

DL

“ We are so sorry to hear about the loss of Lyle. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.



Dennis & Linda Loween - March 12, 2014 at 07:52 PM

 Kitty  
Pearson

“ *Kitty Pearson lit a candle in memory of Lyle Spencer*



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**Kitty Pearson** - March 12, 2014 at 07:36 PM

DE

“ *There are many memories that I could share of Uncle Lyle. Hearing him call me Debber Doo to get my attention. I will miss his infectious smile, it just made you want to smile. You were an amazing man. I am very proud to have you as an Uncle.*

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**Debi Eguwe** - March 12, 2014 at 07:01 PM



“ *Many condolences to your family at this time. Take care. Jessica and Bill Lorentz*

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**Jessica Lorentz** - March 12, 2014 at 06:56 PM



“ *Elizabeth Scudder lit a candle in memory of Lyle Spencer*



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**Elizabeth Scudder** - March 12, 2014 at 06:40 PM

GS

“ Gloria And Roger Setterholm lit a candle in memory of Lyle Spencer



Gloria and Roger Setterholm - March 12, 2014 at 06:36 PM

KW

“ Kathy Wiirre lit a candle in memory of Lyle Spencer



Kathy Wiirre - March 12, 2014 at 06:30 PM

DH

“ Darrell & Peggy Haman lit a candle in memory of Lyle Spencer



Darrell & Peggy Haman - March 12, 2014 at 06:13 PM



“ May the memories you have of Lyle bring you through this trying time. Love you all!



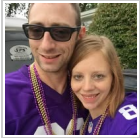
Carrie Johnson - March 12, 2014 at 06:09 PM

JS

“ *Jill Stevens-Becker purchased the Circle of Love Tear Bottle with Mini Dome for the family of Lyle Spencer.*



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**Jill Stevens-Becker** - March 12, 2014 at 05:18 PM



“ *Ryan Anderson lit a candle in memory of Lyle Spencer*



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**Ryan Anderson** - March 12, 2014 at 05:17 PM

EG

“ *Evelyn Geatros lit a candle in memory of Lyle Spencer*



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**Evelyn Geatros** - March 12, 2014 at 05:09 PM

JK

“ *Jerry And Kathy lit a candle in memory of Lyle Spencer*



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**Jerry and Kathy** - March 12, 2014 at 04:30 PM

DV

“ *Diane Vry lit a candle in memory of Lyle Spencer*



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**Diane Vry** - March 12, 2014 at 04:22 PM

JM

“ *Our thought, prayers, and love go to the Spencer family.*

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**Jared & Mindy Markham** - March 12, 2014 at 04:15 PM

BL

“ *Byron & Carol Larson*



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**Byron&Carol Larson** - March 12, 2014 at 03:52 PM

RY

“ *Rick And Linda Youngbauer lit a candle in memory of Lyle Spencer*



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**Rick and Linda Youngbauer** - March 12, 2014 at 03:51 PM

JS

“ *Jill Stevens-Becker lit a candle in memory of Lyle Spencer*



Jill Stevens-Becker - March 12, 2014 at 03:46 PM

TW

“ *I have lots of good memories of Uncle Lyle that I will never forget. From spending time at his place in the summer, the famous "KNEE SQUEEZE", and getting to ride in the semi with him. He will be greatly missed by many people, and I'm so proud to have had him for an uncle. He'll live on in our hearts and memories forever. Love you!*



Tammy,Keith & Dylan Waln - March 12, 2014 at 02:43 PM

MW

“ *Myron & Karen Winkelman lit a candle in memory of Lyle Spencer*



Myron & Karen Winkelman - March 12, 2014 at 02:43 PM

AK

“ *Amy Killian lit a candle in memory of Lyle Spencer*



Amy Killian - March 12, 2014 at 02:38 PM

PV

“ Peter And Margaret VanErp lit a candle in memory of Lyle Spencer



Peter and Margaret VanErp - March 12, 2014 at 02:37 PM

BH

“ Bob & Donna Haman lit a candle in memory of Lyle Spencer



Bob & Donna Haman - March 12, 2014 at 02:36 PM

RK

“ Rich And Mavis Kendall lit a candle in memory of Lyle Spencer



Rich and Mavis Kendall - March 12, 2014 at 02:23 PM

BB

“ Betty Barr lit a candle in memory of Lyle Spencer



Betty Barr - March 12, 2014 at 02:14 PM

JB

“ Jack And Lucille Belch lit a candle in memory of Lyle Spencer



Jack and Lucille Belch - March 12, 2014 at 01:02 PM

BS

“ Bonnie Schlecht lit a candle in memory of Lyle Spencer



Bonnie Schlecht - March 12, 2014 at 11:46 AM

DA

“ So sorry to read of Lyle's death. Your family has lost 2 good men in the last month! I always enjoyed visiting with Lyle years ago. With thoughts and prayers for all your family~ Diane S/A



Diane Schiller Anderson - March 12, 2014 at 11:34 AM

RR

“ Rocky Reese lit a candle in memory of Lyle Spencer



Rocky Reese - March 12, 2014 at 11:29 AM

BR

“ *Thoughts and Prayers for the Spencer family.....*

*Dave and Barb Rousslang*



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**Barb And Dave Rousslang** - March 12, 2014 at 10:54 AM