



## Marvin Runyan

May 9, 1936 - September 19, 2020

The funeral service for Marvin Runyan will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 26, 2020 at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Bartlett with Pastor Robin Fish presiding. Visitation will be held at Schuller Family Funeral Homes' Verndale chapel on Friday from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. with a prayer service at 7:30. Visitation will continue at the church on Saturday from 12:30 p.m. until the time of service.

Marvin Martin Runyan passed away with family by his side of respiratory complications on Saturday, September 19, 2020 at Lakewood Health Systems in Staples, MN.

Marvin was born to Martin and Bessie Runyan on May 9, 1936 in Bremer County, Iowa. He grew up on a family farm near Nashua, Iowa. Marvin graduated from Nashua High School in 1954. He volunteered for the draft while in high school. He served in the Army with the Seventh Division in Korea. While there, he taught Korean attack troops how to maintain vehicles and tanks. He acquired two years of mechanical engineering credits.

He married Mary Hartman on December 28, 1954, while in the service. After his discharge, Marvin worked for two years as a hired man on a farm east of Nashua. In 1958 they moved to Verndale, Minnesota where they purchased a 400-acre farm, which consisted of dairying, beef cattle, hogs, and rotation

crop farming. He was a member of the Verndale School Board for eighteen years, while their five children attended and participated in activities. He was also involved and served on the Soil and Water Conservation District (30 years), Irrigators Association, County Planning Commission, and Todd Wadena Electrical Cooperative. He was a proud member of American Legion post 366.

Marvin was a successful, master farmer. He also enjoyed other activities including: gardening, playing cards, reading, fishing, mowing lawn, bird watching, helping Mom with puzzles, and sitting on the bench on the patio. He was a proud spectator of his grandsons and granddaughters playing baseball, basketball, football, volleyball, and other performances and activities. Marvin loved to have his grandchildren and great-grandchildren around.

Marvin will mostly be remembered for being a great husband, dad and grandfather. He was a role model for many. He will also be remembered for his loyalty and service to his country. His hard work and accomplishments have left him "out-standing in his field".

He is preceded in death by his parents Martin and Bessie Runyan, one sister, Millie (Floyd) Borchert, and one grandson, Brian Runyan.

Marvin is survived by his wife, Mary, son James (Betty) Runyan of Verndale, daughters Ruth (Dan) Hayden of Ada, MN, Elizabeth (Dave) Cecich of Crown Point, IN, Catherine (Steve) Riewer of Wadena, MN, and Margaret (Mark) Ruffino of Deephaven, MN; 13 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, which makes a total of 43 extended family members. He is also survived by brother, Charlie (Pam) Runyan, and sisters, Mary Lynn (Gene) Pleiman, and Margie Runyan, and several nieces and nephews.

Honorary pallbearers will be Amanda (Runyan) Tyrrell, Zarah (Cecich) Fogler, Rebecca (Hayden) Rue, Jason Runyan, Patrick Riewer, Zane Cecich,

and Preston Riewer.

Serving as pallbearers Eric Runyan, Nathan Runyan, Kenneth Hayden, Michael Riewer, Marcus Riewer, and Zach Cecich.

Burial will be in Green Lawn Cemetery in Verndale, MN at a later date.

Military honors provided by William Larson Post 366 American Legion.

Memorials may be directed to Lakewood Hospice and American Forest.

# Cemetery Details

## Green Lawn Cemetery

16277 120th Street  
1st Ave./ Co Rd 104 (1 mile west of Verndale)  
Verndale, MN 56481

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **25**. 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

Verndale Chapel  
9 North Farwell Street  
Verndale, MN 56481  
(218) 445-5191

## Prayers

SEP **25**. 7:30 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Verndale Chapel  
9 North Farwell Street  
Verndale, MN 56481  
(218) 445-5191

## Visitation

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SEP **26.** 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Immanuel Lutheran Church - Bartlett Township  
17097 460th Street  
Verndale, MN 56481

## Service

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SEP **26.** 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Immanuel Lutheran Church - Bartlett Township  
17097 460th Street  
Verndale, MN 56481

# Tribute Wall



“ *Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Marvin Runyan*



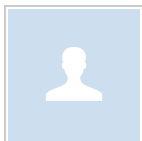
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**Schuller Family Funeral Homes** - September 23, 2020 at 02:06 PM

JS

“ *Mary and family, this is truly a voice from your past. I am so sorry to hear of Marv's passing. He truly was the best hired man ever. You babysat me and I think I may have babysat some of you kiddies. I remember being on vacation one year and dad was intent on stopping at your farm and catching up with you and Marv. We had a great visit. May your memories keep him in your heart forever.*

*Jeannine ( Muench ) Schlottman*

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**Jeannine Schlottman** - September 28, 2020 at 11:34 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Marvin Runyan.*



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September 25, 2020 at 12:52 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Marvin Runyan.*



September 25, 2020 at 12:11 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Marvin Runyan.*



September 25, 2020 at 07:59 AM



“ *May God bless you and remind you of all the wonderful memories of Marv...he will be missed❤️ Love, Darrell & Lisa*



**Darrell & Lisa Hoemberg** - September 24, 2020 at 10:37 PM



“ *Gene & Sandy Kapphahn lit a candle in memory of Marvin Runyan*



**Gene & Sandy Kapphahn** - September 24, 2020 at 10:32 PM



“ 4 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Schuller Family Funeral Homes** - September 24, 2020 at 10:26 AM



“ *The Civil Group purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Marvin Runyan.*



**The Civil Group** - September 24, 2020 at 10:10 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Marvin Runyan.*



September 24, 2020 at 09:59 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Marvin Runyan.



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September 24, 2020 at 09:38 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Marvin Runyan.



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September 24, 2020 at 01:06 AM



“ *Linda McIntire lit a candle in memory of Marvin Runyan*



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**Linda McIntire** - September 24, 2020 at 12:10 AM



“ *Amanda Snyder lit a candle in memory of Marvin Runyan*



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**Amanda Snyder** - September 23, 2020 at 07:18 PM



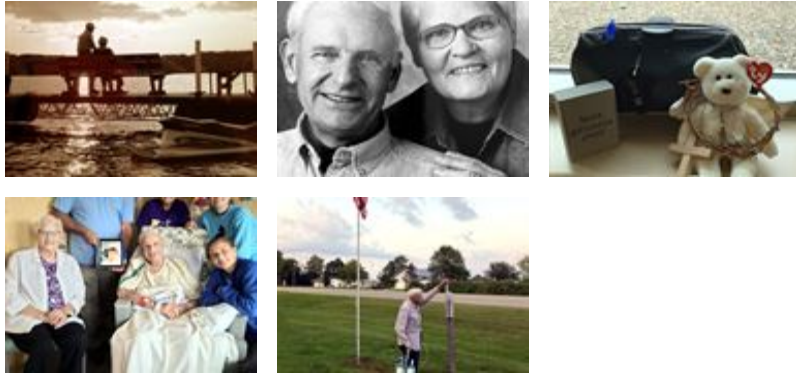
“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Marvin Runyan.*



September 23, 2020 at 06:33 PM



“ *48 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - September 23, 2020 at 02:03 PM



“ *Prayers for the family. Marvin was a wonderful gentleman.*

*Dan and Carol Osborn*

Carol A Osborn - September 23, 2020 at 08:30 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marvin Runyan.* ”



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September 22, 2020 at 11:00 PM



“ *Dearest Mary, Margaret, and family, I am so sorry for your loss. I have so many fond memories of “Margaret’s Dad”! What a wonderful, supportive Dad he was. Many hugs and prayers to you all during this difficult time. Love Robin Dillon (Adams)* ”

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**Robin Dillon** - September 22, 2020 at 10:47 PM



“ *Diane Teigland lit a candle in memory of Marvin Runyan* ”



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**Diane Teigland** - September 22, 2020 at 03:59 PM



“ *Love, The Joseph and Lori Doll Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Marvin Runyan.* ”



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**Love, The Joseph and Lori Doll Family** - September 22, 2020 at 12:44 PM

PB

“ *Phillip Boyd lit a candle in memory of Marvin Runyan*



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**Phillip Boyd** - September 22, 2020 at 08:36 AM

RB

“ *Roger And Michelle Boehland lit a candle in memory of Marvin Runyan*



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**Roger and Michelle Boehland** - September 22, 2020 at 07:38 AM

PD

“ *Dearest Liz and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Marvin was such a wonderful man! I hope that beautiful memories will help to ease your pain. Sending love and peace to you all.*

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**Pat Doeden** - September 21, 2020 at 09:42 PM

AB

“ *Alan Bielema lit a candle in memory of Marvin Runyan*



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**Alan Bielema** - September 21, 2020 at 09:31 PM

JL

“ *Joan Lau lit a candle in memory of Marvin Runyan*



Joan Lau - September 21, 2020 at 07:30 PM

BB

“ *Bruce And Barb Brown lit a candle in memory of Marvin Runyan*



Bruce and Barb Brown - September 21, 2020 at 06:07 PM

GK

“ *Gene & Sandy Kapphahn lit a candle in memory of Marvin Runyan*



Gene & Sandy Kapphahn - September 21, 2020 at 06:02 PM

BD

“ *Bob And Kathy Derby lit a candle in memory of Marvin Runyan*



Bob and Kathy Derby - September 21, 2020 at 02:05 PM

PD

“ *Patty Desrocher lit a candle in memory of Marvin Runyan*



**Patty Desrocher** - September 21, 2020 at 09:40 AM

GG

“ *Ginger & Roland Gilbert lit a candle in memory of Marvin Runyan*



**Ginger & Roland Gilbert** - September 21, 2020 at 09:37 AM

GD

“ *We are so sad to hear of the passing of Marvin. You are all in our thoughts and prayers 🙏 May God Bless You All*



**Gene & Mary Denny** - September 21, 2020 at 08:13 AM

JJ

“ *Jon & Patty Johnson lit a candle in memory of Marvin Runyan*



**Jon & Patty Johnson** - September 21, 2020 at 07:59 AM

DG

“ *Dee Goerge lit a candle in memory of Marvin Runyan*



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**Dee Goerge** - September 21, 2020 at 07:40 AM

EF

“ *Esther And Alan Freitag lit a candle in memory of Marvin Runyan*



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**Esther and Alan Freitag** - September 21, 2020 at 12:31 AM

GK

“ *Gene & Sandy Kapphahn lit a candle in memory of Marvin Runyan*



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**Gene & Sandy Kapphahn** - September 20, 2020 at 07:54 PM

DO

“ *Doug And Joan Ostlund lit a candle in memory of Marvin Runyan*



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**Doug and Joan Ostlund** - September 20, 2020 at 06:50 PM

RA

“ *Rita Anderson lit a candle in memory of Marvin Runyan*



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**Rita Anderson** - September 20, 2020 at 06:09 PM

JC

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with all of Marvin's family, who were his pride and joy. No matter which one he would share a story about from the oldest to the youngest he would light up like the sun with pride and admiration and love for them. We enjoyed visiting with him. What an amazing legacy he has left behind. Sincerest condolences and \*hugs\*.*



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**Jim and Janell Carr** - September 20, 2020 at 05:15 PM

LH

“ *Leo Haisman lit a candle in memory of Marvin Runyan*



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**Leo Haisman** - September 20, 2020 at 04:25 PM

LW

“ *Marv was such a great guy. Enjoyed every conversation I ever had with him. Always acted liked a gentleman and had such a kind peaceful way about him. Prayers for you Jim and the whole family. Our heartfelt sympathy.*



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**Len and Sally Siegler of Wadena** - September 20, 2020 at 03:16 PM

GW

“ *Glen Donna Wood lit a candle in memory of Marvin Runyan*



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**Glen Donna Wood** - September 20, 2020 at 03:07 PM