



## Morris Priebe

July 14, 1940 - April 5, 2023

The funeral service celebrating the life of Morris Priebe of Wadena, will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday April 15, at St. John Lutheran Church in Wadena with Pastor Stephen Meltzer presiding. Visitation will be held at the church on Saturday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the service.

With his wife, Karen at his side, Morris, age 82, passed away on April 5, 2023, at the Harmony House in Motley, MN, gently cared for by the staff and Lakewood Hospice of Staples.

Morris was born to Carl and Magdalene (Jung) Priebe on July 14, 1940, in Sebeka, MN. He was baptized and confirmed at Zion Lutheran Church Missouri Synod in North Germany Township, rural Sebeka. He graduated from Sebeka High School in 1958.

Morris was a hard, dedicated worker and held many jobs over the years. In his early years, he worked at Saarela Gas Station in Sebeka while he attended high school. After graduation, he worked on a farm in North Dakota, and later in Wadena at the Phillip's 66 gas station and Equity Coop Creamery. Morris was then hired by the Wadena County Highway Department as a Surveyor and later was promoted to Assistant County Engineer, and worked there from 1967 until his retirement in 1999. After his retirement, he drove school bus for five years.

An active community member, Morris served as chairman of the City of Wadena Planning and Zoning Board, and President of the Wadena Lions Club. He served on a variety of St. John Lutheran Church boards. In his free time, Morris enjoyed playing golf, hunting and traveling.

Morris married his first wife, Phyllis Niska on July 16, 1960, and raised two children in Wadena, Kimberlee and Michael. After their divorce, Morris met Karen Wirth and they were married on August 16, 1991. They enjoyed going for walks, riding bike, traveling and attending their grandchildren's activities.

Memories of Morris will be treasured by his wife of 31 years, Karen Priebe of Wadena; daughter Kimberlee Michaels and Paty Sipes of San Diego, CA; son, Michael (Pamela) Priebe of Papillion, NE; grandsons, Jacob Priebe, and Jonathon (Ashley) Priebe; great granddaughters, Emma and Sadie Priebe; sisters, Arladean Brown and Candace (Lyle) Hultgren; step-children: Linda (EeJay) Smith, Kevin (Dawn) Wirth, Sandra (Jeffrey) Jakubowsky, Michael (Melanie) Wirth; 11 step-grandchildren and their spouses; one step-great grandchild; brother-in-law, Eugene (Darlene) Johnson; sister-in-law, Judith (Richard) Dalen; along with several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Carl and Magdalene; infant daughter; sister, Arlette Brenny; brothers-in-law, Marcel Brenny and Dennis Brown; and step-granddaughter, Marissa Wirth.

Honorary pallbearers will be granddaughters: Stephanie Schiller, Kara Goff, Katherine Jakubowsky, and Isabel Wirth. Serving as pallbearers will be grandsons: Jacob Priebe, Jonathon Priebe, Tanner Smith, Hayden Smith, Trapper Smith, Dylan Wirth, Marcus Jakubowsky, Jacob Jakubowsky and Isaac Wirth.

Burial will be in Wadena Cemetery, Wadena, MN.

Memorials may be directed to Harmony House, 900 Eastwood Lane S.,  
Motley, MN. 56466 or Lakewood Health System Hospice Foundation, 49725  
Co Rd 83, Staples, MN.

# Cemetery Details

## Wadena Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 15. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. John Lutheran Church  
710 Franklin Ave. SW  
Wadena, MN 56482

## Service

APR 15. 11:00 AM (CT)

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710 Franklin Ave. SW  
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# Tribute Wall

CB

“ So sorry for your loss...prayers for you all and may Morris Rest in Peace!! Sonny & Evy Bimberg



chuck bimberg - April 14, 2023 at 08:22 PM

DA

“ We will miss those random visits when we'd see you two on walks. Jerry & Di Anderson



Di & Jerry Anderson - April 12, 2023 at 12:31 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Morris Priebe.



April 11, 2023 at 09:18 PM

JP

“ Sympathys at your loss. Jay and Jackie



Jay Perius - April 11, 2023 at 12:32 PM

BB

“ *Betty Barr lit a candle in memory of Morris Priebe*



Betty Barr - April 11, 2023 at 09:05 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Morris Priebe.*



April 11, 2023 at 08:10 AM

BB

“ *RIP Morris. Will miss seeing you and Karen out for a walk.*



Bruce & Joyce Boyne - April 10, 2023 at 04:43 PM

LS

“ *Lea Mike Snyder lit a candle in memory of Morris Priebe*



Lea and Mike Snyder - April 09, 2023 at 08:58 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Morris Priebe*.



April 08, 2023 at 11:31 PM



“ *Roger JoAnn Anderson lit a candle in memory of Morris Priebe*



**Roger and JoAnn Anderson** - April 08, 2023 at 08:29 PM



“ *Reflections of Glory Wreath* was purchased for the family of *Morris Priebe*.



April 08, 2023 at 07:16 PM



“ *Lynda and Dave Wosmek lit a candle in memory of Morris Priebe*



**Lynda and Dave Wosmek** - April 08, 2023 at 02:54 PM

MH

“ *Marladene Heinen lit a candle in memory of Morris Priebe*



Marladene Heinen - April 08, 2023 at 11:54 AM

PP

“ *1 file added to the album Memories...*



Pamela Priebe - April 08, 2023 at 09:31 AM

PP

“ *2 files added to the album Memories...*



Pamela Priebe - April 08, 2023 at 09:26 AM

AJ

“ *Allan & Karen Johnson lit a candle in memory of Morris Priebe*



Allan Lynk & Karen Johnson - April 07, 2023 at 11:38 PM

RR

“ Rocky Reese lit a candle in memory of Morris Priebe



Rocky Reese - April 07, 2023 at 09:20 PM

DT

“ Diane Teigland lit a candle in memory of Morris Priebe



Diane Teigland - April 07, 2023 at 03:40 PM

LB

“ Lucille & Jack Belch lit a candle in memory of Morris Priebe



Lucille Belch & Jack Belch - April 07, 2023 at 09:55 AM

JE

“ Judy Erdahl lit a candle in memory of Morris Priebe



Judy Erdahl - April 07, 2023 at 09:51 AM

KM

“ *Karen Munson lit a candle in memory of Morris Priebe*



Karen Munson - April 07, 2023 at 09:32 AM

JS

“ *Jim Stoneman lit a candle in memory of Morris Priebe*



Jim Stoneman - April 07, 2023 at 08:46 AM

BT

“ *Ben Tellers lit a candle in memory of Morris Priebe*



Ben tellers - April 07, 2023 at 07:47 AM

BD

“ *Bob and Kathy Derby lit a candle in memory of Morris Priebe*



Bob and Kathy Derby - April 06, 2023 at 10:00 PM

MW

“ *Myron and Karen Winkelman lit a candle in memory of Morris Priebe*



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**Myron and Karen Winkelman** - April 06, 2023 at 09:23 PM

KL

“ *Ken and Nancy Lawson lit a candle in memory of Morris Priebe*



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**Ken & Nancy Lawson** - April 06, 2023 at 08:20 PM

GW

“ *Glen and Donna Wood lit a candle in memory of Morris Priebe*



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**Glen Donna Wood** - April 06, 2023 at 07:12 PM

SL

“ Karen, Kim and Mike and families.  
Hugs for you all. Morris has been a blessing  
in my life, always knowing me and was there  
through the end of my parents' time here on  
earth. Through his smile and always caring  
and asking how all in my family were. He will be missed!



Sherry (Spencer) Linnes

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**Sher Linnes** - April 06, 2023 at 05:21 PM

JJ

“ Jon Johnson lit a candle in memory of Morris  
Priebe



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**Jon Johnson** - April 06, 2023 at 05:17 PM

IB

“ Irene Jerry Baron lit a candle in memory of  
Morris Priebe



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**Irene & Jerry Baron** - April 06, 2023 at 03:45 PM

BB

“ *Bruce and Barb Brown lit a candle in memory of Morris Priebe*



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**Bruce and Barb Brown** - April 06, 2023 at 03:34 PM

RA

“ *Rita Anderson lit a candle in memory of Morris Priebe*



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**Rita Anderson** - April 06, 2023 at 01:37 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Morris Priebe.*



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April 06, 2023 at 01:22 PM

TR

“ *I will never forget the smile Morris had. It would light up the room. He will be deeply missed.*

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**Tena Ronnebuam** - April 06, 2023 at 12:53 PM