



## Peter Siltala

May 29, 1932 - September 2, 2018

The funeral service for Peter Siltala, of Sebeka, will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 9, at the Laestadian Lutheran Church of Menahga, with Pastor Ronald Honga presiding. Visitation will be held at the church on Sunday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the service.

Peter, known to many as Pappa, passed away at the age of 86, at his home on Sunday, September 2, 2018, surrounded by family and friends. Pappa's final days were tended with the loving care of his family, and guidance from Hospice of the Red River Valley.

Arne "Peter" Jacob Siltala was born to Emil Jacob and Alexandra "Sandra" (Pajari) Siltala on May 29, 1932, in Paddock Township near Sebeka, MN. Peter was united in marriage with Dagmar Hilda Nevala on April 21, 1956, at the Alajoki parsonage.

Peter farmed the original Siltala homestead. He was locally employed as a skillful carpenter, bus driver for the Menahga Public School, and later in life as a Senior Companion. He loved and enjoyed the outdoors, especially trapping, fishing, gardening, and fieldwork with his father. Pappa repaired watches and clocks in his spare time. His family was blessed by his love of music along with his lessons of the Finnish language and culture. Stories of days spent at the country school house were a joy for him to share and a pleasure for the

family to hear.

Preceding Peter in death were his parents Emil and Alexandra; son Paul (Paavo) Siltala; grandsons Daniel and Michael Schwab; brothers Arnold and Ervin Siltala; sisters Hazel Wikman, Agnes Johnson, Ellen Mae Niskanen and Francelia Hillukka.

Peter will remain in the hearts of his dedicated wife, Dagmar; children, Sandra (Erkki) Tokola, Eva Siltala, Peter (Heidi) Siltala, Sarah (Gary) Schwab, Maija (Mike) Kallinen, Martha (Ernest) Huhta, Joseph Siltala, Rebecca Shahin, Rachael Wattenhofer, Hannah (Thomas) Halonen and Mark Siltala; 76 grandchildren and 76 great-great-grandchildren; sister, Inez (Karl) Seppala; sister-in-law Mildred Siltala; and brother-in-law Stanley Niskanen.

Casket bearers will be Mark Siltala, Jake Siltala, David Schwab, Tait Siltala, Nathan Huhta, Shaheen Shahin and William Halonen.

Honorary casket bearers will be all of Peter's children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Burial will be in Grace Cemetery, rural Sebeka, MN.

# Cemetery Details

## Grace Cemetery - (rural Sebeka)

62471 470th St.  
Sebeka, MN

# Tribute Wall



“ *Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Peter Siltala*



**Schuller Family Funeral Homes** - September 06, 2018 at 05:54 PM

BS

*My handsome Uncle Peter Siltala. Married to his beautiful wife Dagmar. Wonderful family!! Special Memories!!*

**Betty Skerbitz** - March 05, 2025 at 06:22 PM

BS

*Uncle Peter..even drove school bus and drove some of my children to Menahga School..when we lived there for a short period of time. I also remember him and Dagmar when they lived in Aurora, Minnesota. Precious Memories !! I love them so much!!*

**Betty Skerbitz** - March 05, 2025 at 06:27 PM

PL

“ *Paula Ja Pentti Lukkarila sent a virtual gift in memory of Peter Siltala*



**Paula ja Pentti Lukkarila** - September 15, 2018 at 06:34 PM

JA

“ *Dagmar and families; So sad to hear of such a loss. Truly God has plans for Peter. He will suffer no more and is at peace. He and dad are probably having a great time. I so remember the happy times with all of you. He was so gracious and kind and loving and very special to take dad places. He was such fun to goof with, he could take a joke and make ya laugh also. I will stop by and see you soon. Sure gonna miss him. May God grant you peace and comfort. God bless. Jackie, Jay and family.*

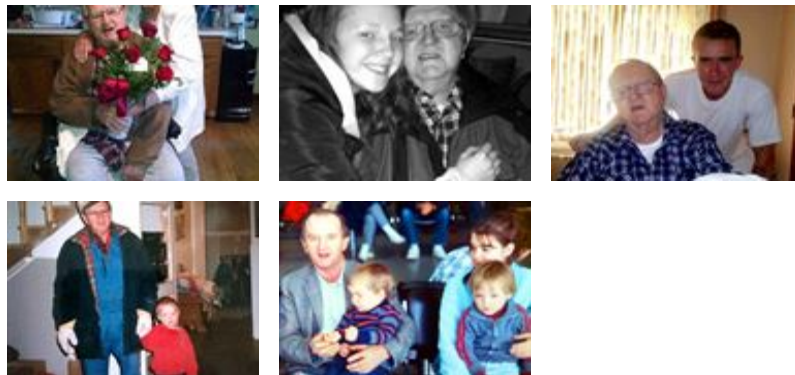


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**Jackie** - September 10, 2018 at 05:41 PM



“ *8 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Schuller Family Funeral Homes** - September 07, 2018 at 05:32 PM



“ *Bountiful Memories Casket Spray was purchased for the family of Peter Siltala.*



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September 07, 2018 at 10:13 AM

JW

“ Pappa was a quiet, hardworking man, but you knew he loved us grandchildren deeply. His doors were always open to anyone who came, whether he knew them or not. I remember fondly the saunas every night and the creaking floorboards of that old farmhouse, his parents' home, in which he lovingly lived and upkept his whole life according to their wishes. I'm glad that he passed beneath the roof of that same house, because his memory will be right where it belongs forever: with his family and dear Mummu. I love you, Pappa. Thank you for your lifelong example. You will be close to our hearts always.

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**Jasmyn Wattenhofer** - September 06, 2018 at 12:00 PM

ST

“ My Thoughts and Prayer For Dagma, And the whole Family, I Remember when we use to pick him for Adult Day Care, and he even knew my Dad, you will Be Missed, your Friend Shirleyrae Torvinen p.s Give the Family Comfort , Peace, and Strength, and Help them through the days a head of them, Take care, God Peace



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**Shirleyrae Torvinen** - September 06, 2018 at 10:51 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Peter Siltala.



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September 06, 2018 at 02:20 AM

QF

“ *Quentin & Michelle Frazier purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Peter Siltala.*



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**Quentin & Michelle Frazier** - September 05, 2018 at 10:11 AM

FJ

“ *From Blaise, Steven and Glenda Johnson purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Peter Siltala.*



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**From Blaise, Steven and Glenda Johnson** - September 05, 2018 at 07:50 AM

KH

“ *Have fond memories of staying with Peter and Dagmar for a weekend or two as a teenager. Their family was growing, in fact Dagmar went to the hospital once when I was there to have a baby. They were a fun couple to visit. Thinking with love for your family now Dagmar. God will give you the strength to carry on. God's Peace, Kathy*

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**Kathy Helmke** - September 04, 2018 at 08:11 PM