



## *Peaceful, Loving Memories*

### *Remembering the life of...*

Dennis J. "Whitney" Schiele, 67 of Devils Lake, ND passed away on Saturday, December 30, 2023, at St. Mary's Hospital, Rochester MN.

Dennis Jack Schiele was born on September 24, 1956, to Jack and Katherine (Bachmeier) Schiele in Devils Lake, ND. He was raised on a family farm in Noonan Township. He attended Crary Public School from Kindergarten until twelfth grade, graduating with the class of 1974.

Dennis began his career at Hardees as an Assistant Manager and helped open new franchises in Jamestown, ND, Hastings, MN, and La Crosse, WI. In 1979, he transitioned to farming in Noonan Township and dedicated 44 years of his life to this profession and passion.

In December of 1979, Dennis was united in marriage to Cindy Burt, and they were blessed with two children Heather and Tyler. In 1980, they purchased the Southam Bar where they lived and worked for five years until it was destroyed by a fire. They then moved to the farmstead in Noonan Township.

During his leisure time, Dennis enjoyed hunting (Deer, antelope, bear, coyotes, sandhill cranes, ducks, and geese). He looked forward to visits from friends and neighbors on his deck at Bayview Campground and trips to town to go "shopping" but stopping to "shoot the bull" with anyone he came across in his travels. He and Cindy enjoyed three winters in Arizona after retiring from farming.

Dennis was a volunteer firefighter for the Devils Lake Rural Fire Department for 40 years. He was a member of the Southam Snowmobile Club, Devils Lake Elks, the Doyon Lutheran Church and after moving to Devils Lake Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Dennis was an avid Firebirds fan, but his greatest joy was cheering on his six precious grandchildren. Anyone who knew Dennis knew he was an avid collector of everything.

Dennis was the recipient of a double lung transplant on July 31<sup>st</sup> and kidney transplant on August 1<sup>st</sup> of 2023. Despite facing numerous challenges, he displayed tremendous courage and resilience, battling for over 150 days with the unwavering love and support of his family. While the stay was long, it was made enjoyable thanks to the visits from family and friends and the compassionate and caring staff at Mayo Clinic, St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester. In the end, it was Dennis's decision to put his health into God's hands.

Dennis's loving family include his devoted wife Cindy; daughter Heather Johnson, Devils Lake; son Tyler Schiele and his wife Emily of Crary; grandchildren Tristan, Lucas, Kynlee, Tucker and Bo; sister Jolene (Jerrold) Kostecki, Devils Lake; mother-in-law Charlotte Burt, also Devils Lake; sisters-in-law Kathy (Jim) Albrecht, Motley, MN and Lori (Jerry) Hahn, Devils Lake; brother-in-law Bob Lee, Fergus Falls, MN and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

He will join in Heaven his Lord and Savior, his parents Jack and Kate, grandson Oliver Johnson, sister JoAnn Lee and father-in-law Gary Burt.



## TODAY

My body no longer tired, no longer sore.

Today is the day I suffer no more.

Do not worry for me, today worrying ends.

I live through love of family and love of friends.

So hold in your heart this memory of mine.

The rain will pass and the sun will shine.

For this life that we live will surely fade,

With problems we've faced

and plans that we've made.

And when the gates of Heaven call,

Keep in mind; love survives us all.

*Forever Loved, Forever In Our Hearts  
Precious Husband, Dad, Grandpa,  
Brother, Uncle, Cousin, Dear Friend*

## *Dennis Jack Schiele* “Whitey”

### HIS BIRTH

*Monday, September 24, 1956*

*Devils Lake, North Dakota*

### HIS DEATH

*Saturday, December 30, 2023*

*Rochester, Minnesota*

### TIME OF PRAYER AND REMEMBRANCE

*Gilbertson Funeral Home Chapel*

*Devils Lake, North Dakota*

*Sunday, January 7, 2024 ~ 6:00 p.m.*

### OFFICIANT

*Reverend JoHanna Buchholz*

### FUNERAL SERVICE

*Our Savior's Lutheran Church*

*Devils Lake, North Dakota*

*Monday, January 8, 2024 ~ 10:30 a.m.*

### SPECIAL TRIBUTE

*Lori Hahn*

### MUSIC

*Congregational Hymn*

*Special Recordings chosen by family*

*Emily Foss, Pianist*

### CASKET BEARERS

*Jerry Hahn ~ Jerry Kostecki ~ Merle Langton*

*Robert Schneider ~ Steve Buchmeier*

*Roger Perkuhn*

### EARTHLY PLACE OF REST

*Devils Lake Cemetery*

*Devils Lake, North Dakota*

### FIREFIGHTERS SALUTE

*The Firefighters Prayer; The Final Alarm*

*The Devils Lake Rural Fire Department*