

Martin Duane Lillestol

Most often known as Duane or “Duey”, he was born January 29, 1931, to Jacob and Gina (Fluto) Lillestol and graduated from Wyndmere High School in 1949. Duane entered the United State Army in 1952, and attended radio school in Killeen, TX. He then spent one year in Korea while in the service. On June 9, 1952, Duane married Arlene Friskop and the two had five children. They farmed west of Wyndmere and also milked cows for many years. Both Duane and Arlene were active members of Immanuel Lutheran, where he served as Sunday School superintendent for over 20 years and held other church positions. He was an active member of The American Legion Brown Nelson Post in Wyndmere, serving as chaplain and chairman of the honor guard. He received his 60-year membership pin this year. Duane enjoyed driving the school bus to music and sporting events. Even more than that, he loved the area lutefisk dinners and did his best to not miss a one.

Surviving Duane are his daughters: Laura Groen, Golden, CO; Lynne Lundberg (Les Nogosek), Jamestown, ND; and Jeanne Kay Foster, Omaha, NE; brother, Jake (Ardis) Lillestol, Fergus Falls, MN; son-in-law, Brian Vigen, Wahpeton, ND; 5 grandchildren: Mallory Olson, Jennifer Vigen, Gina Vigen (Kade Hallenbeck), Allison Foster, and Andy Foster; great-grandson, Grantley Vigen; sisters-in-law, Jackie Krieger and Shyrlee Friskop; brother-in-law, Willard Mortenson; and many nieces and nephews.

Duane was preceded in death by wife, Arlene; his daughter, Carole Vigen; son, Ron Lillestol; and son-in-law, Lynn Groen; his parents; brother, Jerome and his wife, Joan Lillestol; sister, Patsy and husband, Russell Janssen; and sister, Diane and her husband, Richard Kelly.

He will be sadly missed by many. Blessed be his memory.





*God saw he was getting tired
and a cure was not to
be, so He put His
arms around him
and whispered,
"Come with Me."
With tearful eyes
we watched him
suffer and saw
him fade away,
although we
loved him dearly
we could not
make him stay.
A golden heart
stopped beating
Hard working hands
to rest, God broke our
hearts to prove to us
He only takes the best.*



In Loving Memory

Duane "Duey" Lillestol



Born

January 29, 1931 - Breckenridge, Minnesota

Passed Away

October 20, 2022 - Fargo, North Dakota

Age

91 Years 8 Months 22 Days

Funeral Service

1:00 PM - Sunday, October 30, 2022
Immanuel Lutheran Church - DeLamere, North Dakota

Officiant - Pastor Rick Bryant

Organist - Norma Kjos

Congregational Hymns

Hymn No. 524 - "Jesus Loves Me"
Hymn No. 128 - "All Is Well With My Soul"
Hymn No. 423 - "Away In The Manger"

Pallbearers

Randy Friskop, Jeff Halmrast, Chad Kelly
David Krieger, Lori Krieger, Steven Lillestol

Interment

Homestead Cemetery - Rural Wyndmere, North Dakota