



Eugene "Pete" Schaffer

August 19, 1926 - February 1, 2015

Eugene "Pete" Joseph Schaffer was born on August 19, 1926, in Graceville, Minnesota the son of George and Emma (Schmitz) Schaffer. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Dumont, Minnesota. Pete attended St. Peter's grade school where he got his nickname "Pete" from one of the Sisters. In 1943, he graduated from Wheaton High School. He was on the Dumont "Saints" Baseball, town team.

Pete was united in marriage to Veronica Arens on June 15, 1948, at Ave Maria Catholic Church in Wheaton, Minnesota. After their marriage they farmed near Collis, Minnesota. In 1956 they moved to the farm in Leonardsville Township until retirement. To this union five children were born. Pete was very active in 4-H with his children. In 1978, the couple semi-retired and moved to Alexandria in the winter and then back to the farm by Dumont in the summer. In 1988 the couple retired to Alexandria and enjoyed traveling south in their RV in the winter.

Pete and Veronica enjoyed square dancing. They were involved in a Square Dance Club in Wheaton and Alexandria. He also enjoyed golfing, hunting, fishing, camping and especially time with his family.

Pete died on Sunday, February 1, 2015. He is survived by his wife, Veronica; and children and spouses all of Minnesota. Connie (Roger) Weinman of Coon Rapids, Pam (Lyle) Krieg of Moorhead, Kevin (Chris) of Corcoran, Jennifer (Charles) Hellquist-Rice of Andover, and Doug (Debra) of Millerville; 14 grandchildren, nine great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, siblings and son-in-law, John Hellquist.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 5. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
421 Hawthorne St
Alexandria, MN

Prayer Service

FEB 5. 7:30 PM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
421 Hawthorne St
Alexandria, MN

Parish Rosary

FEB 5. 7:45 PM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
421 Hawthorne St
Alexandria, MN

Visitation

FEB 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
421 Hawthorne St
Alexandria, MN

Mass of Christian Burial

FEB 6. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
421 Hawthorne St
Alexandria, MN

Tribute Wall



“ Anderson Funeral Home and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Eugene "Pete" Schaffer



Anderson Funeral Home - February 03, 2015 at 05:02 PM

CY

What a special way to put memories and photos of your Dad together...had a smile on my face the entire length of the video. Thanks for sharing. (((HUGS))) to the entire family. Cheri Yager

Cheri Yager - February 04, 2015 at 08:21 AM

KR

When someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure. Remember and share the memories of Pete, and he will live on in all of you. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time.

Dave and Katy Rheault

Katy Rheault - February 04, 2015 at 05:44 PM



What a wonderful tribute! We are so sorry we couldn't be there with you. We didn't know of Pete's passing. We have such wonderful memories of Square Dancing. God bless you and your family. Larry and Pat Johansen.

Larry Johansen - February 09, 2015 at 08:31 PM

TG

“ Would like to send my deepest sympathy to Pete's family. My family the "Volds" had so many great memories with the Schaffer's. We just heard this news and are thinking of Veronica and the whole family.

Theresa Grimes - February 10, 2015 at 03:33 PM

KB

“ I will always remember all the fun times out on your farm at family gatherings back when we were kids. The softball games out in the yard with the cousins, riding horses, and watching the milking process, and sometimes even tasting the fresh milk. Some of those times were the best of times. Many years have past since then, all our families have grown and they will always be great memories to share with family members.

The pictures in the video are precious, always treasure the wonderful memories you all have of Pete. I am so sorry I will be unable to attend the services in celebrating Pete's life. Pete was such a great uncle. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Denny and Kristi Bray

Kristi Bray - February 05, 2015 at 03:02 PM

DR

“ Dave and Katy Rheault purchased the Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." for the family of Eugene "Pete" Schaffer.



Dave and Katy Rheault - February 04, 2015 at 05:36 PM

TH

“ Sending our deepest sympathy to the Schaffer family. May all the wonderful memories you have be a place you can always go to lessen the pain and sadness you're going through.

Tony & Judy Heil

Tony & Judy Heil - February 04, 2015 at 05:28 PM

MS

“ I didn't know Pam's dad but I do know how much she loved him. May all your memories help you during this time. Mary Jo Slavik

Mary Jo Slavik - February 04, 2015 at 01:42 PM

DK

“ Dick and Nancy Keaveny purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Eugene "Pete" Schaffer.



Dick and Nancy Keaveny - February 04, 2015 at 01:19 PM

CY

“ Cheri Y. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Eugene "Pete" Schaffer.



Cheri Y. - February 04, 2015 at 08:36 AM

DW

“ I enjoyed visiting with Pete when I was attending his grand sons baseball games at Brandon-Evansville. I also knew Pete when he was farming in the Dumont area. Pete was a good man.

*Doug Wilson
Wheaton, MN.*

Doug Wilson - February 04, 2015 at 08:33 AM

KN

“ Kathleen Nicolai purchased the Basket of Joy for the family of Eugene "Pete" Schaffer.



Kathleen Nicolai - February 04, 2015 at 02:58 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Eugene "Pete" Schaffer.



February 03, 2015 at 02:25 PM

CM

“ CoreLink Management purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Eugene "Pete" Schaffer.



CoreLink Management - February 03, 2015 at 01:52 PM

YZ

“ *Your friends at Zero-Max purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Eugene "Pete" Schaffer.*



Your friends at Zero-Max - February 03, 2015 at 11:48 AM