



## Duane L. Buckendahl

July 12, 1931 - November 29, 2020

PIERCE -- Funeral service for Duane L. Buckendahl, 89, of Pierce will be held at 10:30 a.m., Friday, December 4, 2020 at Zion Lutheran Church in Pierce with Rev. Gordon Bruce and Vicar Travis Henry officiating the service. Interment will take place at Zion Lutheran Cemetery, rural Pierce. Visitation will be held from 4:00 - 7:00 pm., Thursday, also at Zion Lutheran Church, Pierce. Duane passed away Sunday, November 29, 2020 at the Norfolk Veterans Home. Stonacek Memorial Chapel in Pierce is in charge of the arrangements.

Duane L. Buckendahl, son of Anton and Frieda (Koerting) Buckendahl, was born July 12, 1931, in rural Pierce. He was baptized at St. John's Lutheran Church in rural Pierce on Aug. 2, 1931, and confirmed at Zion Lutheran Church in Pierce on March 25, 1945.

He attended Zion Lutheran School in Pierce and graduated from Pierce High School in 1949. After high school, Duane served his country in the U.S. Army from Feb. 25, 1953, through Feb. 23, 1955.

He married Vada Wardenburg on Nov. 25, 1956, at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Creston. After marriage, Duane farmed with family until the couple bought the family farm in 1961. It was at this time that the couple started their family dairy operation east of Pierce for 34 years. The couple then moved into Pierce in 1989.

After moving off the farm, Duane enjoyed traveling, getting together with several card clubs, serving on the fair board, as a 4-H leader, on the school

board, as well as attending many of the grandchildren's activities. He was a member of Zion Lutheran Church of Pierce and American Legion Post 72. Survivors include his children, Sandra (Gary) Suckstorf of Pierce, Gary (Laurie) Buckendahl of Foster, daughter Sharon Beltz and dear friend Steve Hampl of Winside; 10 grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and a sister-in-law, Judy (Ron Sr.) Greisen of Wichita, Kan. He was preceded in death by his spouse, Vada on Sept. 14, 2005; a son, Roger Buckendahl Sr.; a granddaughter, Brittany; his parents, Anton and Frieda; and a sister, Donna Mae Hoffman.

Organist will be Dottie Ahlers. Congregational hymns will be "How Great Thou Art," "I'm But A Stranger Here" and "I Know That My Redeemer Lives."

Casketbearers will be his grandsons: Darin Suckstorf, Bryan Buckendahl, Roger Buckendahl Jr., Joe Beltz, Brett Suckstorf, Billy Buckendahl and Nathan Beltz. Honorary casketbearers will be his granddaughters: Holli Jellen, Tiffany Ronnfelt and Lanett Whisler.

Condolences may be expressed to the family online at [www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com](http://www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Zion Lutheran Cemetery - Rural Pierce

Pierce, NE 68767

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 3. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Zion Lutheran Church - Pierce  
520 East Main Street  
Pierce, NE 68767  
<http://www.zionlutheranpierce.com>

## Service

DEC 4. 10:30 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Duane L. Buckendahl*

October 05, 2023 at 03:46 AM



“ *EIRay and I shared many wonderful memories with Duane, Vada and their family.. I am so sorry for your loss but know the feeling deep within my heart. Duane and EIRay were so close They were in one another's wedding. Gary.our godchild, a special hug to you!!!! Much love to you all Imogene Buckendahl.*

**Jeanne Buckendahl** - December 05, 2020 at 11:50 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss. It was a pleasure getting to visit with Duane again after all these years. Jan Andersen*

**Jan Andersen** - December 04, 2020 at 09:46 AM



“ *Yep that's Duane alright. Always such a serious look on his face. God bless your family. My mom and Dad and your mom and dad are probably having a good laugh and sharing stories like they used to when we were kids. Greens Tavern The Corner Bar and Pierce has not been the same since.*

**Pam Purdie-Purinton** - December 03, 2020 at 08:12 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Duane L. Buckendahl.*



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December 02, 2020 at 07:37 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Duane L. Buckendahl.*



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December 02, 2020 at 09:44 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Duane L. Buckendahl.*



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December 01, 2020 at 04:56 PM