



Duane J. Reicks

March 29, 1936 - January 21, 2014

PETERSBURG — Duane Joseph Reicks, 77, of Fort Morgan, Colo., died Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2014, at the Veterans Hospital in Omaha. A celebration of life with Mass will be at St. John's Catholic Church in Petersburg at 10:30 a.m. Saturday with the Revs. Stan Schmit, Keith Rezac and Robert Schmitz officiating. Burial with military honors by the United States Army Honors Guard will follow in the parish cemetery. Visitation will be 6-7:30 p.m. Friday at the church with a 7:30 p.m. wake service. Stonacek Memorial Chapel of Pierce is in charge of arrangements. Duane Joseph Reicks, son of Elizabeth (Schmitz) and Alphons Bernard Reicks Sr., was born on March 29, 1936, at Petersburg. He was baptized and confirmed at St. John's Catholic Church in Petersburg. He attended grade school at St. John's. He volunteered to serve his country in the Army in January of 1957 during the Korean conflict and was honorably discharged in December of 1958. He then helped his father on the farm. On June 29, 1959, Duane was united in marriage to Theadora (Dorothy) Hoffmann at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Pierce. To this union five sons and one daughter were born. Duane worked on the family farm at Behlen Manufacturing in Columbus and the Petersburg Lockers. In 1981 he moved to Fort Morgan, with his family to follow, where he worked at Johnson's Super Food Grocery. In the spring of 1986, Duane, Dorothy and family moved to Madison, where Duane managed the Madison Meat Market, a subsidiary of the Petersburg Lockers, for two years and then returned to Fort Morgan where he was self-employed as a carpet layer until his retirement. Duane was very

instrumental in the decision to help care for his mother-in-law, Evelyn Hoffmann. Duane's community service included volunteering on all fire departments of the communities in which he lived. He was very active in the National Farmers Organization throughout his years of farming. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, the Catholic Order of Foresters and St. John's Parish in Petersburg, St. Leonard's Parish in Madison and St. Helena's Parish in Ft. Morgan. Duane enjoyed his family, camping, fishing, card parties with friends and supporting his children in their endeavors. He never seemed to miss family gatherings that included the baptisms, first communions, confirmations, graduations and weddings of his grandchildren, nieces and nephews. He made friends wherever he went. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy of Fort Morgan; their children, Dominic (Dawn) Reicks of Ravenna, Dean (Cathy) Reicks of Kearney, Darrell Reicks of Wiggins, Colo., Dale (Pam) Reicks of Cozad, Dan (Teresa) Reicks of Wiggins and Donna (Dave) Holt of Woodrow, Colo.; 18 grandchildren, Alyssa Cisneros, Cassandra Giffin, Mariah Reicks, Beth Eichleman, Nathan Reicks, Monica Eder, Megan Hanson, Sierra Reicks, Mia Reicks, Danielle Reicks, Chantelle Reicks, Jessica Reicks, Aaron Reicks, Kayla Haws, Tierra Haws, Levi Holt, Morgan Holt and Chelbi Holt; eight great-grandchildren; one brother, Jerome (Barbara) Reicks of Sun City West, Ariz.; one sister, Eleanor (Vernon) Borer of Lincoln; one sister-in-law, Helen Reicks of Petersburg; along with many nieces, nephews and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; father-in-law Aloysius Hoffmann; brother Alphonse; infant brother Donald; infant grandsons Michael and Duane Reicks; and three brothers-in-law, Glenn Konopasek, Joe Krier and Robert Horn. Memorials may be directed to the family.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **24.** 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

St. John's Catholic Church - Petersburg
Petersburg, NE

Service

JAN **25.** 10:30 AM (CT)

St. John's Catholic Church - Petersburg
Petersburg, NE

Tribute Wall



“ *Duane J. Reicks*

October 05, 2023 at 03:46 AM



“ *Duane was a great guy! When he came back from the Army, I remember riding the bus back to Albion on the way to the farm in Petersburg. I was about 9 years old at the time, so this made a big impression on me! My first non-school bus ride, and with a favorite cousin!*

I really enjoyed my time on the farm - even though the work was hard, Duane always made it enjoyable - he always had a smile for everyone and plenty of jokes and pranks.

Dorothy and family: you are in my thoughts and prayers as I know just how big a hole this will leave in your hearts.

Lori Love

Lori Love - January 27, 2014 at 05:10 PM

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“ Dorothy,

It has been my delight to know Duane for all of his life and most of mine. Duane would have been about four years old when I was born. As you know, our farms were just across the road from one another, so we saw each other often. Our families did a lot of things together. We often road to school at St. John's together. It was great when Duane's brother "Junior" was able to drive, so we could ride to school. Other than that we walked. Our lives were such that often we were in different places. When I was in high school Duane was in the Army. When he returned I went to the Army. After I got out of service, you and Duane were living on the home place and I farmed with my Dad for two years. I went to college, my dad died, and Duane farmed our home place for awhile.

Since then it has been hit or miss as to when we would meet. But they were always special to visits. The last time was at the Petersburg 125th celebration. He was his old jolly self.

The best to you and your family. Duane will always be remembered.

Joe Preusser

Joe Preusser - January 25, 2014 at 11:12 AM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Duane J. Reicks.*



January 24, 2014 at 11:03 AM

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“ *Platte Valley State Bank & Trust Company purchased the Sacred Cross Bouquet for the family of Duane J. Reicks.*



Platte Valley State Bank & Trust Company - January 24, 2014
at 09:50 AM