



Gerald "Jerry" Herbert Schaefer

August 15, 1942 - October 26, 2019

Gerald "Jerry" Herbert Schaefer, age 77, of Dassel, died Saturday, October 26, 2019, at his residence. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, November 2, 2019, at 11:00 a.m. at St. John's Catholic Church in Darwin with Father Brian Mandel officiating. The interment will be held at the St. John's Catholic Church Cemetery following the service.

There will be a visitation on Friday, November 1, 2019, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Johnson Funeral Home in Dassel with a one-hour visitation prior to the service at the St. John's Catholic Church in Darwin on Saturday.

There will be a Knights of Columbus Rosary at 4:00 p.m. and Parish Prayers will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Friday evening at the Johnson Funeral Home in Dassel.

Gerald "Jerry" Herbert Schaefer, the son of Herbert and Irene (Dingman) Schaefer, was born on August 15, 1942, in St. Cloud, Minnesota. He grew up in Belgrade area until the family moved to Sauk Centre.

Jerry was united in marriage to Elaine Welle on June 15, 1965, at St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Richmond, Minnesota. Together they made their home in the Clearwater area before moving to Dassel. They purchased a farm where he milked 70 head of milking cows and raised hogs. Jerry was a hard

worker. He loved the land and enjoyed farming. In 1995, Jerry was employed as head custodian at the Dassel-Cokato High School and later was employed by the district as a groundskeeper. Upon retiring from the school district in 2013, Jerry also spent time mowing lawn at the Education Center in rural Cokato and at the St. John's Catholic Church grounds in Darwin. Whenever the church needed a hand or a project done, Jerry was willing to help. His faith and family were a meaningful part of his life.

He enjoyed spending time with his family at the cabin and camping. He loved to go fishing and deer hunting with his son and sons-in-law. He enjoyed Sunday drives around the countryside looking at the crops and the fall leaves. He could fix anything and had a talent for decorative iron work. His wife, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren were the light of his life. He was a kind, compassionate, caring man who loved his family and friends with all his might and will be missed deeply.

He is survived by his wife, Elaine Schaefer of Dassel, Karen (Todd) Athmann of Becker, Marilyn (Tony) Kremer of Avon, Doug (Felicia) Schaefer of Prior Lake, six grandchildren, Jessica Schaefer, Katelyn Athmann, Kalley Athmann, Logan Kremer, Luke Kremer, Haley Schaefer, two great grandchildren, Lilli Alberson and Marlee Alberson, siblings, Joan Tamm of St. Cloud, Dan (Ginny) Schaefer of Pierz, Jane Miller of Eagan, Mary Schaefer of Massachusetts, Fred (Janel) Schaefer of Annandale, Shirley (Jon) Schmit of St. Cloud, Jolene (Eleanor) Schaefer of St. Cloud, and a brother-in-law, Ervin VanBeck of Apple Valley.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sister, Carol Borgerding and her husband, Roger Borgerding, sister, Loraine VanBeck and a brother-in-law, Gene Tamm.

Cemetery Details

St. John's Catholic Cemetery

Darwin, MN 55324

Previous Events

Rosary

NOV 1. 4:00 PM (CT)

Johnson Funeral Home
PO Box 1 611 N 2nd Street
Dassel, MN 55325
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Visitation

NOV 1. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Parish Prayers

NOV 1. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Mass Of Christian Burial

NOV 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

Saint John's Catholic Church
106 N 4th St
Darwin, MN 55324
<http://www.shepherdofsouls.org>

Tribute Wall



“ *A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Gerald "Jerry" Herbert Schaefer.*



October 31, 2019 at 01:10 PM



“ *Elaine and Family, My prayers and thoughts are with you! Jerry was such a kind and gentle man, with a great spirit and beautiful faith. He will be missed by many. I will remember him in my Mass on All Souls Day.*

Blessings and Prayers, Fr Joe Steinbeisser

Fr Joseph Steinbeisser - October 29, 2019 at 06:14 PM



“ *So sorry to hear about Jerry. Hugs and prayers*

Sandi (Welle) Feldewerd - October 29, 2019 at 01:45 PM



Karen, sorry to hear of your fathers passing . Cherish your memories !!

jenny mccormick - November 05, 2019 at 07:45 PM



“ *Elaine and family,
My deepest sympathy to you and your family, God be with you.*

Donna Olson - October 29, 2019 at 10:43 AM

QS

“ Elaine and family, my deepest sympathies to you on the loss of Jerry. He was a good and kind man to all. You are blessed to call him your husband and dad. You are in my thoughts and prayers.
Quincy Stroeing

Quincy S - October 29, 2019 at 10:30 AM

MS

“ My sympathy Elaine and family. May you find strength and peace in the Lord.

Mary Schmidt - October 28, 2019 at 10:25 PM

WP

“ Elaine-we are so sorry to hear of Jerry's passing. He struggled so much all summer and we missed seeing his smiling face so often. We are thinking of you and your family during this very difficult time, and there are no words of comfort to give you, other than our hearts are thinking if you at this time. Hugs, hugs, hugs to you-he will be missed and we are so sorry that you have to go through this, and that this beast has taken another good person too early. We won't be able to attend services, but please let us know how we can help you when we get back to Breezy next spring. Please call upon us!



Wendy and Pat (from Breezy Point) - October 28, 2019 at 09:59 PM

DS

“ Elaine and family
May god wrap you in his arms and give you strength during this difficult time

donna salzer - October 28, 2019 at 09:56 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gerald "Jerry" Herbert Schaefer.*



October 28, 2019 at 09:12 PM