

Remembering the life of....

Duane Gulland, 79, of Ayr, N.D., passed away on Friday, September 9, 2022, in West Fargo, under Hospice care.

Duane William Gulland was born on October 7, 1942 in Fargo, N.D., to Clarence and Amanda (Krueger) Gulland. His family moved from a farm near Amenias, ND, to a farm near Absaraka, N.D. when he was four, and he attended elementary grade school in Absaraka before graduating from Wheatland High School in 1960.

While helping his sister move to San Jose, CA in 1962, Duane met and fell in love with his sister's next-door neighbor, Marilyn Cox. Duane and Marilyn were married on January 17, 1964 in Saratoga, CA. Duane and Marilyn returned to North Dakota where they raised their three children, and where he lived for the remainder of his life. Marilyn passed away on October 6, 1994.

Duane was a man with a big laugh and an even bigger heart. He adored spending time with his children and grandchildren, and never missed an opportunity to enjoy visiting with family and friends. He showed up for every dance recital, musical performance, sporting event, and life celebration of his grandchildren, and made friends wherever he went. He never forgot a birthday or anniversary. A lifelong farmer, he never really retired, but instead focused on being the "Uber driver" for machinery in the field even as his health began to fail. In addition to spending time with his family, he loved hunting, fishing, and playing cards, and spending time with Laverne, whom he dubbed "the last love of his life." He was treasurer of the Wheatland Rod & Gun club for 30 years, involved with the Empire Township Board, and a regular with the W.O.W. Card Club. He belonged to St. Martin's Lutheran Church in Amenias Township as a child and was later a lifelong member of Martin's Lutheran Church in Casselton.

Duane is survived by his children, Sue Kensok, Fargo, Debra (Dustin) Bjugstad, Fargo, and David (Holly) Gulland, West Fargo; the last love of his life, Laverne Schneider; 9 grandchildren, Amanda, Adam, Brandon, Jenna, Jessica, Savannah, Elyssa, Elijah, and Anna; 66 foster grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren, Ayden, Rylee, Aurie, Colter, and Renly; siblings, Bonnie (Kent) Eicholtz, Bernard (Marilyn) Gulland; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Marilyn; a son-in-law, Dennis Kensok; and siblings, Clarence (JoAnn) Gulland, Diane (Darrell) Knutson, and Betty (Bruce) Whitmore.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or the Anne Carlson Center.

Thank you to all of the family and friends who have visited, shared stories, brought food, and said prayers during Duane's illness, and following his death. Our thanks as well to the Roger Maris Cancer Center, and to Hospice of the Red River Valley for their compassionate care and support. The family would like to extend a special thank you to Dennis Bjugstad for the creation of Duane's urn.



IN LOVING MEMORY

Celebrating the life of
DUANE GULLAND



FUNERAL SERVICE
Martin's Lutheran Church

Casselton, North Dakota

Friday, September 16, 2022 - 10:30 a.m.

Officiants

Rev. Mike Jacobson

Rev. Keith Walka

Soloist

David Piper

"In the Garden"

"On Eagle's Wings"

Organist

Colleen Baumgarten

Congregational Hymns

"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

"Here I Am, Lord"

Honorary Urn Bearers

Duane's Grandchildren

FINAL HARVEST

*He was bound to the land
from the day of his birth
his roots anchored deep
in the fertile earth.*

*Nurtured, sustained,
by the soil he grew.
And his life, like furrows,
ran straight and true.*



*In faith, each spring,
he planted the seeds
In hope, to reap his family's needs
With patience, he waited for the harvest to come
To gather the fruits of his labor home.*

*Ever turning seasons, the years sped past
Till the final harvest came at last
Then claimed anew by beloved sod
He was gathered home to be with God.*

- Barbara W. Weber

*The family wishes to express their appreciation for
your kindness and support during this difficult time.
Please join them for fellowship following the service.*

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