

CELEBRATING A LIFE



Ducey Johnston

AUGUST 19, 1934 ~ OCTOBER 1, 2018

IN LOVING MEMORY

Duane "Ducey" Johnston

Born

August 19, 1934 ~ Detroit Lakes, Minnesota

Died

October 1, 2018 ~ Valley City, North Dakota

Celebration of Life

Karvonen Funeral Home ~ Wadena, Minnesota

Saturday, October 6, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

Clergy

Pastor Steven Koehne

Scripture Readings

Stacy Huhtala ~ Kyra Burzynski ~ Bethany Huhtala-Schoonover

Music

Soloist ~ Kayla Peterson ~ "How Great Thou Art"

Pianist ~ Abby Johnston ~ "Threads of Love" by Lorie Line

Military Honors

Elmer Goche V.F.W. Post #3922, Wadena, Minnesota

Pallbearers

Kevin Gallegos ~ Joe Ault ~ David Huhtala ~ John Huhtala

Daniel Huhtala ~ Eric Huhtala ~ Steven Huhtala

Survived By

Brothers: Marvin (Eileen) Johnston; Douglas Johnston; children: Jenni (Paul) Lubbers; Scott (Jennifer) Johnston; stepchildren: Anne Huhtala, Mark (Brenda) Huhtala, Phoebe (Lee) Vought, Charles (Wanda) Huhtala, Kirsten Lamar, and James (Rhonda) Huhtala; eighteen grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Laid to Rest

Greenhill Cemetery ~ Sebeka, Minnesota



I've Gone Fishing

*I've finished **life's** chores assigned to me,
the time has come to set me **free**;*

*Please send along my **fishing pole**,
for I've been invited to the fishing hole;*

*Where **everyday** will be a day to fish,
you may visit here often if you wish;*

*Don't worry or feel sad for me,
On a lake is right where I want to be;*

*But if you wonder why I'm missing,
Just remember **I've Gone Fishing***



Duey Johnston was born August 19, 1934 in Detroit Lakes, Minnesota to Lulu (Dahlheim) and Tom H. Johnston. He was the oldest of four brothers. After graduating from Detroit Lakes High school, he attended Oak Hills Bible College in Bemidji, MN. Duey became a telegrapher for the Northern Pacific Railroad. In 1955, he enlisted in the United States Air Force where he served as a cryptographer in the Philippines during his active duty.

After an honorable discharge from the USAF, he returned to Detroit Lakes to work with his father in their family business started by his grandfather (Johnston Excavating). In 1960, he married Janet Nash and they took up residence east of Detroit Lakes. Duey and Janet began to expand their family and welcomed Jenni and Scott into their home. In 1986, Duey sold his excavating company and went to work for Beltone hearing aids.

In July 1990, he married Nancy Huhtala and they moved to their new home near Hillview, west of Sebek. Duey drove school bus for the New York Mills and Sebek school districts for years in his semi-retirement. He continued to be active in his church serving as a deacon as well as leading a jail ministry program. Duey traveled on several missionary trips to Columbia where he put his excavation skills to good use helping to build infrastructures.

Duey loved Darkhouse spearing as well as making and selling his fishing decoys. He made his first decoy when he was 12 years old and continued to make them for over 70 years. "Duey's Decoys" are known nationwide. He estimated that he had made over 4000! He became chapter coordinator for the Minnesota Darkhouse & Angling Association and supported the startup of many other state chapters.

Duey was passionate about duck, goose and deer hunting. Throughout his life, he raised and trained many types of pedigreed hunting dogs. His Big Boy tomatoes were the pride of his garden every year! He continued to be involved as a ham radio operator (call sign KOQQP) and developing his homing pigeons as a hobby.



For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. ~ John 3:16