



Delmar Duane Smedshammer

August 13, 1927 - July 26, 2019

Pancakes, syrup, wontons, ice cream floats... these are the things his grandchildren will remember about him. Delmar Duane Smedshammer acquired his angel wings on Friday, July 26th, at Rosewood on Broadway, just a few weeks shy of his 92nd birthday.

Delmar was born on the family farm by Litchville, ND, on August 13, 1927, to Martin and Esther (Haugen) Smedshammer. He graduated from Litchville Public Schools in 1946 and attended Wahpeton School of Science for 6 months. In 1950 he was drafted into the army and served two years, being honorably discharged in 1952. In the army he was assigned to the 30th Engineer Topographical Battalion, Ft. Winfield Scott, San Francisco, CA; and the 549th Engineer Base Survey Company, Yuma, AZ and Unalakleet, AK. During this time, Delmar formed many lifelong friendships that were celebrated through many reunions over the years. In 2016, Delmar participated in the Honor Flight to Washington D.C.

On June 11, 1956, Delmar married Margaret Lakoduk from Butte, ND. They made their home on a farmstead south of Litchville, growing crops, milking cows, and raising cattle. They were blessed with five children and later, four grandchildren. In addition, Delmar drove school bus for the Litchville School District from 1963-1975. Delmar continued to help his son Duane on the family farm into his 90's.

All who knew Delmar, knew he loved to visit over a cup of coffee. He was also known to play a card game or two. He loved taking trips with his family:

houseboat excursions, cruises, Cabo, and Hawaii. Nothing made him happier than being with his children and grandchildren. As they have become adults, his grandchildren appreciate even more his work ethic, kindness, dedication to family, and his witty sense of humor. They will greatly miss him and the twinkle in his beautiful blue eyes.

Delmar is survived by four children: Duane (Tammy Crist), Marlin, Kevin, and Carlene Larson (Craig); grandchildren: Jena Smedshammer (Jake Johnson), Tanner Larson, Brittany Larson, and Ashley Smedshammer; great-grandchildren: Taylor Johnson and Nathaniel Larson. He is also survived by his brother Curtis Smedshammer (Phyllis) and his sisters Elaine Hilscher (Jim) and Maxine Smedshammer. He was predeceased by his wife Margaret (2003) and toddler daughter Darcy (1962).

Cemetery Details

North LaMoure Cemetery

Litchville, ND

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 1. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel
251 Central Ave. S.
Valley City, ND

Visitation

AUG 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First Lutheran Church
506 5th St.
Litchville, ND

Celebration of Life

AUG 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

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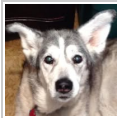
Tribute Wall



“ Oliver - Nathan Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Delmar Duane Smedshammer



Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel - July 30, 2019 at 06:04 PM



Very special.

Deb Gunderson - July 30, 2019 at 08:17 PM

EH

Very enjoyable and memorable

Elaine Hilscher - July 30, 2019 at 09:37 PM

TS

Aah such a special video thanks for sharing brought tears to my eyes

Teresa sherek - July 31, 2019 at 08:33 AM



So nice, wonderful tribute to Delmar.

Susan Thompson - July 31, 2019 at 01:00 PM

DL

What a beautiful tribute to a life well lived, precious memories💕

Diane Larson - July 31, 2019 at 03:38 PM



“ *Delmar sure had a gift for visiting. I'd say he was a pro at it. Over the past 10 years I had a few 2hr conversations with him. I'm sure I'm not alone. I'm so sorry for your lost. Hold on to all those stories and memories. I know he loved each one of his children and grandchildren a tremendous amount. You could get that feeling just by visiting with him. Delmar was a very good Man.* ”

Steve Mennis - August 01, 2019 at 04:46 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Delmar Duane Smedshammer.* ”



August 01, 2019 at 08:39 AM



“ *Carlene's Sanford PFS Leadership Group purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Delmar Duane Smedshammer.* ”



Carlene's Sanford PFS Leadership Group - July 31, 2019 at 04:33 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Delmar Duane Smedshammer.* ”



July 31, 2019 at 04:08 PM

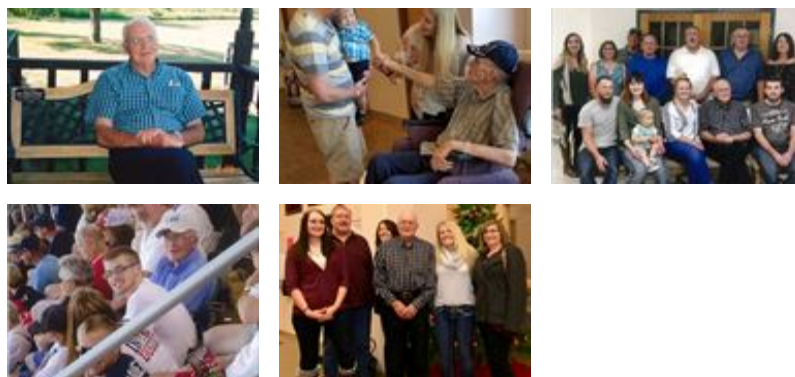
GS

“ I had many great visits with Delmar at the Taste Treat in Litchville and at the corner of Hwy 1 & Hwy 46. Delmar was a great conversationalist. I will miss his chats. We will see you in The Big Coffee Shop in the Sky, my friend. Gary D. Schlagel

Gary D. Schlagel - July 30, 2019 at 08:58 PM



“ 86 files added to the album Life Tributes



Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel - July 30, 2019 at 05:54 PM

CW

“ Cheryl Maurice and John Wennes purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Delmar Duane Smedshammer.



Cheryl Maurice and John Wennes - July 28, 2019 at 08:24 PM



“ 3 files added to the album *Memories Album*



Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel - July 28, 2019 at 05:14 PM