



## Duane Thomas Burchill Sr.

March 25, 1947 - May 2, 2021

Duane Thomas Burchill, Sr. was born March 25, 1947 in Valley City, North Dakota the son of Ronald and Evelyn (Ostreim) Burchill. He attended and graduated Pillsbury High School. Following high school, he farmed with his father on the original Burchill homestead.

He married Gayle Lemley on October 11, 1968 in Pillsbury and together they raised four sons: Duane (Jolene), Darren (Pamela), Douglas (Jolynn), and Dustin (Sarah).

Duane served in the Army National Guard in Valley City in the 141st Engineer Battalion Headquarters Company from 1967 to 1973 where he earned top marksmanship honors. He was an avid trap shooter winning several regional and state awards and was an active member of the Valley City and Jamestown Trap Clubs.

He loved to sing and could be heard most Sunday mornings raising hymns of praise at Baldwin Presbyterian Church in Pillsbury, ND where he was a lifelong member. Most Sunday afternoons he could be heard cheering on his favorite football team – the Green Bay Packers.

Duane died May 2, 2021. He is survived by his wife Gayle, his four sons, his 10 grandchildren: Cassidy, Preston, Ella, Gabi, Grace, Carter, Ronald, Samantha, Annie & Grant, and 4 great-grandchildren: Kason, Reagan, Kennedy, & Lincoln. Also surviving are two sisters, Janet (Sam) Vangness & Linda (Larry) Bishop, and a step-mother, Jeanne Diemert.

He was preceded in death by his parents and an infant sister Marlys Burchill.

A Celebration of Life Service for Duane will be 10:30 am Thursday, May 6, 2021 at Baldwin Presbyterian Church, Pillsbury. Visitation will be 6-7 pm Wednesday, May 5, at Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel, Valley City, with a prayer service at 7 pm. A private family inurnment will be held at a later date. The service will be live stream at <https://vimeo.com/544728781>  
Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel. An online guestbook is available at [www.oliver-nathanchapel.com](http://www.oliver-nathanchapel.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 5. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Traditions Funeral Services - Oliver Nathan Funeral Chapel  
251 Central Ave. S.  
Valley City, ND 58072  
(701) 845-2414  
o-nchapel@bektel.com

## Prayer Service

MAY 5. 7:00 PM (CT)

Traditions Funeral Services - Oliver Nathan Funeral Chapel  
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Valley City, ND 58072  
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## A Celebration of Life

MAY 6. 10:30 AM (CT)

Baldwin Presbyterian Church  
Pillsbury, ND

# Tribute Wall



“ *Oliver - Nathan Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Duane Thomas Burchill Sr.*



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**Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel** - May 05, 2021 at 02:47 PM



“ *Oliver - Nathan Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Duane Thomas Burchill Sr.*



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**Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel** - May 03, 2021 at 04:47 PM

MB

“ *Gayle and family, So sorry for your loss. Duane was a wonderful person to have known. All of you are in our thoughts and prayers. Doug & Marcia Beglau*

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**Marcia Beglau** - May 07, 2021 at 10:26 PM

KR

“ *Gayle, Duane, Darren, Doug and Dustin, my sympathy is with you all. I remember you all from my teaching time in Hope. My prayers are with you at this time.*

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**Karen Roach** - May 06, 2021 at 07:30 AM

DW

“ *Gayle and family,  
I just watched the video of Duane and cried through the entire thing. We were not only neighbors for ten years and schoolmates, but good friends. He was like another big brother to me. He and Harley spent time together hunting, fishing, and playing ball. It seemed we always had time for games of Hide and Seek in the hayloft or upstairs in our homes; and the sock battles we used to have and snowball fights. Such good memories shared with the Burchill family as Friday nights were card nights for our parents during the winter. It was so heartwarming to see your sons grow up in the video and have families of their own. May all the memories be a great comfort to you. He was a great father and grandfather; a loving husband who will be greatly missed.*

*I send you my heartfelt sympathy and will be with you in thought and prayers.*

*Darlene Hoff Weshnevski*

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**Darlene Weshnevski** - May 05, 2021 at 07:58 PM

JH

“ *Our deepest condolences to Gayle and family in the loss of Duane. I have so many good memories of time spent on the farm when we were youngsters. He and I were not only cousins but the best of friends. Even though we hadn't been in touch in years I will never forget him and our good times together. Jim and Connie Huss*

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**Jim Huss** - May 05, 2021 at 05:23 PM

LB

“ I meet Duane in 2015 at the Walsh County Gun Club. After that we shot together every chance we could along with my brother Dick from Jamestown. Both Duane and Dick won several ND State Championships in different classes and categories as we shot together. Duane is the third squad mate I have lost in the last year. Duane was a kind caring man and a great ambassador to trap shooting. I miss them all very much.

Larry D Berland - May 05, 2021 at 02:47 PM

CN

“ Gayle So sorry to read about Duane passing away. It's been many years since we connected, but I still think about you.  
Caral Nix

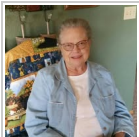
Caral Nix - May 05, 2021 at 11:43 AM

MJ

“ Marlys and Edwin Jacobson purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Duane Thomas Burchill Sr..



Marlys and Edwin Jacobson - May 05, 2021 at 09:24 AM



“ Gayle, Thinking of you in your loss of Duane. I just lost my hubby, too, on Mar. 23 - a sudden death. Special thoughts going your way.  
Eva (Burchill) Myers

Eva Myers - May 04, 2021 at 10:36 PM

BA

“ Loving sympathies to Gayle and the whole family in the loss of Duane. Prayers for your comfort from the Lord too. My special memory of Duane was when he went to the state music festival in Bismarck, I think in 7th grade, and I had the privilege of accompanying him on the piano when he beautifully sang, "Oh Danny Boy". I think of him whenever I hear or play that song. He sang beautifully then, and I'm sure beautifully over the next many years. Now he can sing beautifully, praising our Lord in heaven.

*Bonnie Karges Allen*

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**Bonnie Allen** - May 04, 2021 at 10:05 PM

TF

“ The Odermann Family purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Duane Thomas Burchill Sr..



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**The Odermann Family** - May 04, 2021 at 03:21 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Duane Thomas Burchill Sr..



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May 04, 2021 at 01:09 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Duane Thomas Burchill Sr..



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May 04, 2021 at 12:04 PM



“ *Alex and Amanda Andel Family* purchased the *Arrive in Style* for the family of Duane Thomas Burchill Sr..



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**Alex and Amanda Andel Family** - May 04, 2021 at 10:31 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage* was purchased for the family of Duane Thomas Burchill Sr..



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May 04, 2021 at 09:20 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Duane Thomas Burchill Sr..



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May 03, 2021 at 09:24 PM

MD

“❤️ *Jolene, Duane, & your beautiful family,* ❤️  
*May Angels surround you with their strong wings  
And cover you with a Blanket of Love.  
May you draw Strength from Memories so dear  
Knowing your Loved One will always be near.  
With warm hugs,  
XOXO ~ Monica ~ XOXO*

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**Monica Stich Deltener** - May 03, 2021 at 07:16 PM

JO

*Thank you* ❤️❤️❤️

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**Joleneburchill** - May 04, 2021 at 08:30 PM

MD

“ *Monica Stich Deltener sent a virtual gift in  
memory of Duane Thomas Burchill Sr.*



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**Monica Stich Deltener** - May 03, 2021 at 06:34 PM

JO

*Thank you!*

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**Joleneburchill** - May 04, 2021 at 08:28 PM