



## Duane Merrill Graalum

December 5, 1935 - June 2, 2020

Duane Merrill Graalum, 84, of Valley City, ND formerly of Kathryn, ND went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, June 2, 2020. He passed away at CHI Mercy Hospital Valley City.

Duane Merrill Graalum was born to Melvin and Mabel (Rue) Graalum on December 2, 1935 in Kindred, ND. He was baptized and confirmed in the Fron Lutheran Church in Horace, ND. Duane attended rural schools in Horace until moving with his parents when he was in eighth grade to rural Kathryn where his son and daughter-in-law, Ryan and Lori Graalum currently live. He graduated from Hastings High School in 1953. Following his graduation, he started farming with his dad and began his trucking business.

In July of 1957 he married Faye Smith. They continued farming along with the trucking business until retiring in 2001. Duane was a member of Nordheim Lutheran Church in rural Kathryn until 1988, at which time they joined Grace Free Lutheran Church in Valley City. They moved to Valley City in 2009.

He is survived by his wife, Faye; children, Renae (Jeff) Legge, Fergus Falls, MN, Laurie (Tom) Liebing, Marion, ND, Ronny (Terri) Graalum, Kathryn, Ryan (Lori) Graalum, Kathryn; eight grandchildren; 17 great grandchildren; a sister, Marlys (Bob) Davis, Fargo; and several nieces and nephews.

Duane was preceded in death by a grandson, Cody Liebing; his parents; a sister Phyllis (Carlton) Mennis; and in-laws Howard (Pearl) Smith, Ellen (Herb) Peterson, Norma (Cliff) Thorpe, Warren (Delores) Smith, and Kenny (Murlyn) Smith.

The visitation for Duane will be 1 pm Saturday, June 6, 2020 at Grace Free Lutheran Church followed by the funeral at 2 pm. Burial will be in Nordheim Cemetery, rural Kathryn. The funeral will also be webcast thru the church website at <https://www.gracefree.com/watch-online>

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel, Valley City. An online guestbook is available at [www.oliver-nathanchapel.com](http://www.oliver-nathanchapel.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Nordheim Cemetery

Kathryn, ND

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 6. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Grace Free Lutheran Church  
2351 W. Main St.  
Valley City, ND

## Funeral Service

JUN 6. 2:00 PM (CT)

Grace Free Lutheran Church  
2351 W. Main St.  
Valley City, ND

# Tribute Wall



“ Oliver - Nathan Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Duane Merrill Graalum



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**Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel** - June 05, 2020 at 09:34 PM

TA

*Dear Faye and family, So very sorry to hear of Duane's passing. He will be greatly missed; as we fondly remember his kind & caring nature. Our thoughts are with you all! Love Shane and Tammy*

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**Tammy** - June 08, 2020 at 03:54 PM

TW

*Mom and I are also so sorry for your loss!! Mom wished wished she could have been there!! Mom has so many wonderful memories and will always remember and cherish Duane's smiling kind ways!! We have Faye and all the family in our thoughts and prayers in this difficult time!! We love you all !! Linda and Tanya*

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**Tanya Pfiefler and Linda Wolverton** - June 14, 2020 at 09:01 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Duane's Funeral Service



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**Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel** - June 10, 2020 at 03:31 PM

RM

“ So sorry to hear of Duane’s passing. My thoughts are with Faye and the entire Family. God bless.

Rachel Smith Mount - June 06, 2020 at 11:19 PM

SS

“ Dear family and friends, watching the Graalums walk into the nave for the funeral affirmed my belief that Duane will live on in the hearts of so many. He has certainly left a mark upon the world.

*I am sorry I wasn't there with you. There have been costs to living far away, but I hope Faye and all of my cousins know that you live on in my mind and heart. I take comfort in being remembered despite my absence, and I'm certain Duane would take comfort from that as well.*

*To me, Duane was a model of good nature and grace. May we all emulate those character strengths.*

*Sheila*

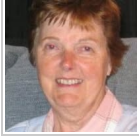
Sheila Smith - June 06, 2020 at 03:43 PM

SL

“ My deepest condolences to the Graalum family.



Stacey (Kunze) Lilja - June 06, 2020 at 12:20 PM



“ To Faye and all of the Graalum family: We are never prepared for the loss of a loved one but Duane left his family and friends with many happy memories and God will help us through this difficult time.

*Arlene & Carleton Douglas*

**Arlene Douglas** - June 06, 2020 at 11:46 AM



“ 99 files added to the album LifeTributes



**Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel** - June 05, 2020 at 08:51 PM



“ So sorry for your loss, We would have been there but for the virus we couldn't. We always enjoyed coming up and playing cards and visiting you and Duane, We will be watching the funeral on the web site of the church. We are hoping we can make it up sometime after the Virus is over. We will miss him very much. Just know our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

*Kay Fitzjarrald  
Romeo Simpson*

**Kay Fitzjarrald** - June 05, 2020 at 12:21 PM

JT

“*Fay and family..Our sincere sympathy to you. Thinking of the good visits brings back many memories we cherish from over the years. May God be with you all in the days ahead, Wish we could have been there with you to celebrate Duane's life but know you are in our thought and prayers*

*Janice and Delano Thoreson.*

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**Janice Thoreson** - June 05, 2020 at 12:09 PM

TL

“*My sympathy to all of you during this difficult time. May your knowledge that he is with his Maker be a comfort to you. And may all your many memories be a blessing now and in the days ahead. I will not be able to attend the funeral, but know that my love and thoughts are with you.*

*Terri LeGrand*

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**Terri LeGrand** - June 03, 2020 at 07:12 PM

TO

“*To the family of Duane Graalum*

*Our hearts go out to you in your time of sorrow. Eternal peace to your Father. May God watch over your family and bless them with his greatness*

*Todd, Victoria and Robert Willson*

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**todd** - June 03, 2020 at 11:48 AM