



## Duane Benedict Stahl

August 26, 1944 - July 17, 2024

Duane Benedict Stahl, 79, Valley City, North Dakota passed away Wednesday, July 17, 2024, at SMP Health – St. Raphael in Valley City.

Duane's Funeral Mass will be viewable via livestream <https://vimeo.com/event/4457755>

The memories and stories shared of Duane during lunch and fellowship will be uploaded on July 25 and viewable at <https://vimeo.com/event/4457764>

A funeral mass will be celebrated at 10:30 AM, Wednesday, July 24 at St. Catherine Catholic Church, Valley City. The visitation will be held one hour before the service at the church. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery, near Courtenay, North Dakota.

Duane was born August 26, 1944, in Carrington, North Dakota to Ben and Gertrude (Falk) Stahl and grew up on the family farm near Sykeston, North Dakota.

His education included graduating from Sykeston High School and from Valley City State College (now VCSU). Duane met his wife Judy Lade in college and they were married in 1967. He then taught English, language skills, speech and play production for two years in Bowman, North Dakota.

In 1969, he joined the US Navy and served as a Communications Yeoman as a teletype operator at North Island Naval Base in Coronado, California and in Saigon, Vietnam, where he spent one year and seven months until his honorable discharge in June of 1972.

Duane was then employed by the Bureau of Indian Affairs teaching high school English, Journalism, and Speech in Pine Ridge, South Dakota for about seven years, then taught English, Reading Skills and a World of Work class for 18 years at the Pine Ridge Job Corps Center near Chadron, Nebraska, where he was president of the local of the American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE). He also served in the Army National Guard in Chadron.

In 1992, Duane and his wife bought Family Court in Chadron which included about 30 rentals consisting of a motel converted to apartments and several mobile homes. In 2003 they sold the rentals, and he and Judy moved to Valley City, North Dakota, to be closer to her parents who were then in the Sheyenne Care Center.

In Valley City, Duane and Judy did numerous remodeling projects on their home through the years, having learned much from work done on rentals

From 2003-2018, Duane was employed as a school bus driver for Dietrich's Bus Services in Valley City which included a daily bus route and numerous out-of-town activity trips.

Duane enjoyed working with Boy Scouts of America for more than 20 years as a Club Scout Webelos leader and as Scoutmaster in Chadron and Assistant Scoutmaster in Valley City. He also was in the honorary Order of the Arrow and completed Wood Badge Advanced Training Leader. Duane was a John Birch Society chapter leader since the 1970s, served on the Executive

Committee of District 24 GOP in Valley City and was an active member in St. Catherine Catholic Church.

He enjoyed a trip to Thailand while in Vietnam and later traveled to Hawaii, Yucatan, most of the western states, northern Canada, and visited children and grandchildren who lived at a distance.

Duane was preceded in death by his parents, in-laws James and Anne Lade and daughter-in-law Amanda (Peden) Stahl.

Duane is survived by his wife Judy, Valley City; sister Patricia (Frank) Paumen, Fargo, North Dakota; daughter Rosanne Stahl, Kremmling, Colorado; son Roger (Kate) Stahl, Winterville, Georgia and their children Bennett and Camille; son Eldon (Yulia) Stahl, Evanston, Wyoming, and their children Antonina, Sergei, and Aleftina; and brother-in-law Burt Lade.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Mary's Cemetery

Courtenay, ND

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 24. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Catherine Catholic Church  
540 3rd Ave. NE  
Valley City, ND

## Funeral Mass

JUL 24. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Catherine Catholic Church  
540 3rd Ave. NE  
Valley City, ND

# Tribute Wall

TK

“ *Judy and Family: Having just met Duane most recently though the John Birch Society, knowing what a dear man he was, I would like to convey my deepest condolences. He modeled for those us in the battle for our Country what grace, kindness and persistence meant as we worked so hard to restore the nation to its great heritage. He lived those founding principles and inspired us by his life. I will miss his warm welcome to North Dakota and my prayers and condolences go out to you all. God blessings on your family as you remember your dear husband, father and grandfather.*

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**Tammy Kobza** - August 12, 2024 at 04:15 PM



“ Judy and family,

*I am thinking of you all during this time.*

*My first memory of Duane is of him reading this quote at a scouting event:*

*"A hundred years from now it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove. But the world may be different, because I was important in the life of a boy"*  
*Forest Witcraft*

*That was Duane. He cared deeply about the scouts he worked with. I can be certain that the world is a better place because of the difference he made in the lives of the many boys he led over the years. And I am so thankful for the role he played in my son, Mikey's life.*

*He will be missed.*



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Sarah Meester - July 24, 2024 at 10:13 AM

AH

“ Dear Judy, Eldon and complete family,  
we would like to express our deepest condolences. You are in our thoughts and prayers and we wish you peace and comfort as you look back on so many happy memories.

*Life's not about the steps you've taken but the footsteps you've left behind...*

*Johann Gretschnann with family  
Anna Horn with family*

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**Anna Horn** - July 24, 2024 at 07:32 AM

JS

*Thank you for your condolences, kind words, and for the lovely flower arrangement.*

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**Judy Stahl** - August 24, 2024 at 02:06 PM

KU

“ Kim Umemoto planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Duane Benedict Stahl.

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**Kim Umemoto** - July 24, 2024 at 12:20 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Duane Benedict Stahl.



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July 24, 2024 at 12:20 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Duane Benedict Stahl.*



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July 20, 2024 at 03:31 PM



“ *Fam. Gretschmann planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Duane Benedict Stahl.*

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**Fam. Gretschmann** - July 20, 2024 at 12:35 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Duane Benedict Stahl.*



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July 20, 2024 at 12:35 PM



“ *Duane was a wonderful father-in-law. I knew him as a kind, considerate and generous man, always ready to help and do something. We miss him immensely.*

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**Yulia Stahl** - July 19, 2024 at 11:42 PM

JS

“ *Duane and I attended college together and enjoyed working on and in theater productions. He was such a good, kind and gentle man. When he and Judy moved back to Valley City, we again had some enjoyable chats and reminisced. My sympathy to you, Judy, and to your family. May Duane rest in peace.*

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**Janet Schultz** - July 19, 2024 at 09:40 AM

DB

“ *Sorry for your loss Judy prayers for you and your family 🙏🙏🙏*

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**Duane Burchill** - July 19, 2024 at 09:22 AM