



Merle August VonSpreckelsen

January 1, 1956 - June 24, 2020

Clay Center resident Merle August VonSpreckelsen, 64, met his Heavenly Father while at his home Wednesday, June 24, 2020.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11:00 a.m., Monday, June 29, 2020, at the Clay Center Christian Church with Pastor Arick Johanson officiating. Services will be live-streamed on the Clay Center Christian Church Facebook page. Interment will follow at the Clay Center Cemetery with Pastor Daniel Buller officiating. Visitation will be Sunday, from 2 p.m. - 8 p.m., with the family present from 4 p.m. - 6 p.m., at McLaughlin Funeral Chapel in Clay Center.

We will follow the DHM social distancing guidelines at all events.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Clay Center Christian Church, Pibel Bible Camp, or Crossroads Mission Avenue.

Merle August VonSpreckelsen was born January 1, 1956, in Hastings, NE to Robert A. VonSpreckelsen and LaVon J (Barnes) VonSpreckelsen. Merle graduated from Clay Center High School in 1975 and attended CCC in Hastings. He was a man of great depth and even greater love. One of his first loves was working alongside his father and brothers, Lyle and Scot on the family farm. With that grew his affection for John Deere tractors and memorabilia. He did not miss an Old Trusty Show in Clay Center and was an

annual exhibitor.

Though never considered athletic, Merle loved sports and The Huskers. He was often seen carrying a stats book to athletic events, especially for his nieces and nephews.

Merle also had a special way with animals, especially dogs. He loved his furry friends.

He was raised in a home with loving, Christian parents and that was evident by the love Merle showed to anyone around him. He had a true servant's heart and truly loved beyond measure, whether you were a stranger on the street or an old friend. Merle always looked forward to his "Young at Heart Bible Study", volunteering at Pibel Bible and teaching children about the love of Jesus Christ, his time volunteering at Crossroads Mission Avenue, visiting with his nieces and nephews and serving anyone and everyone. He was honored as the Crossroads Mission Avenue volunteer of the year in 2019.

Survivors include his mother, LaVon; brothers, Lyle (Peggy) and Scot (Robyn); and many nieces, nephews and numerous friends.

Merle was preceded in death by his father and grandparents.

Tribute Wall

KV

“ Our deepest sympathy to my sweet Aunt LaVon, cousins Lyle and Scot and their families. Wish I could have been there, but am very grateful that I was able to watch Merle's celebration of life on line. The service was simply beautiful! Praying for all of you. God's richest blessings on you,
Karin and Ross

Karin VanderHamm - June 29, 2020 at 02:01 PM

RB

“ What a legacy this man leaves behind! I knew him through church, and he has such a big heart. It's evident how great an impact he had here by how much he was loved by so many people. My thoughts are often on his family.

Rita Brhel - June 28, 2020 at 10:00 PM

PF

“ Merle was a kind, loving, and servant-hearted friend to all. He ran his race well. He was well loved and loved well. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.

Paul and Carol Fricke - June 28, 2020 at 03:28 PM

RH

“ Merle was all that is good. Whenever we came back to Clay Center and had the pleasure to interact with him, he was like the Goodwill Ambassador for the town. Such a warm and caring soul. We had many wonderful conversations with him. He was so easy to talk to and always had a story. An amazing person born into an amazing family. God bless him and all of the lives he touched.

Roger and Arlene Hammond - June 28, 2020 at 07:38 AM

RJ

“ So sorry for ur loss. Merle was a special person. He always had a smile. We enjoyed him in our Young at Heart Bible study. He never missed a study. He will be missed by so many.

Raymond Stratman and Janice - June 27, 2020 at 05:49 PM

KG

“ I will always remember growing up with Merle and how close our families were. I also enjoyed reconnecting with Merle when he came to Colorado with his mom for visits. Prayers to all the VonSpreckelsens for their loss!

Kip and Kim Greenstreet - June 27, 2020 at 04:05 PM

LO

“ We are so sorry to here of Merle's death. He was a neat person and God loving. I remember him from Pibel Bible many years ago. Our condolences go out to all the family. He will surely be missed.

Lisa and Jeff Overturf - June 27, 2020 at 02:08 PM

KO

“ Will certainly miss seeing Merle at annual OTS and Tractor Drive with tour green tractor. Will miss your friendly smile. God's blessings to all.

Ken & Nancy Overturf - June 27, 2020 at 02:01 PM

ST

“ Our thoughts and prayers for all Merle's family.

Steve and Deb Troudt - June 27, 2020 at 12:33 PM

NF

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. Could always see happi was radiating from Merle. God Bless you all

Nancy Ferrell - June 27, 2020 at 09:42 AM

RS

“ We will miss you Merle. Our condolences to LaVon, Lyle, and Scot and their families. We love you

Rodney and Sharon and Sydney - June 27, 2020 at 05:35 AM

SA

“ Merle always had a smile & kind word for everyone. A true servant who volunteered his time up until his last day. If we could all follow his example!

Sue Aflague - June 27, 2020 at 02:17 AM

SS

“ Merle was truly born into the right family. With LaVon and Bob for parents who had excellent work ethics and love for God and family. And Awesome brothers, Lyle and Scot. And all your kids that he could be uncle to. God truly used him in more ways then many may think. May peace and comfort come over you all. With Love, Cousin Sonya

Sonya L Saddler - June 26, 2020 at 10:02 PM

DB

“ I will miss seeing him and visiting with him when I stop by the farm, also at the Old Trusty Tractor Drives and exhibits. My sympathy and prayers out to all the family.

Dan Brandenburger - June 26, 2020 at 03:16 PM

LN

“ *I will always remember Merle a friend to everyone. He will be missed.*

Lois Northrop - June 26, 2020 at 08:34 AM

MB

“ *Our deepest sympathy to all of Merle's family . May he RIP and may you all find peace in his passing . Prayers to all .*

Marshal and Dixie Burgmaier - June 26, 2020 at 08:27 AM