

Claus Miedema, Jr.

February 4, 1934 - March 14, 2017

Claus Miedema, Jr., 83 year old resident of Albertville, MN formerly of Pierz, MN passed away Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at his home. A funeral service will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Saturday, March 18, 2017 at Grace Covenant Church in Little Falls, MN with Rev. Greg Satterberg officiating. A visitation will be held from 9-11 A.M. on Saturday at Grace Covenant Church in Little Falls, MN. Arrangements are with the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls, MN.

Claus was born on February 4, 1934 in Broadland, South Dakota to the late Claus and Rachel (Hollman) Miedema. Graduated high school in Huron SD. He served in the Army from 1954 to 1957. He was united in marriage to Patricia McGillivray on February 14, 1958 in Broadland, South Dakota. Claus was an educator his entire life, he truly loved and had a deep passion for kids and their education. He started his teaching career as a math and shop teacher. He later received his master's degree and served as a principal for much of his career. The last 27 years being spent in Pierz, MN at Healy High School. Claus was very involved in the Pierz Community as well as the extracurricular activities at the high school. After he retired from Pierz Healy High he enjoyed playing cards, camping, woodworking, coin collecting, playing bingo, and going to garage sales. Claus also enjoyed reading and always made sure he had a new book to read to his grandchildren when they visited. Since retiring, Claus and Patricia spent their winters in southern Texas where they met many new friends and enjoyed themselves in the warm Texas

climate. He was a member of Grace Covenant Church in Little Falls, MN and the Pierz Lions Club. Claus will forever be remembered by his family as a very caring and compassionate person with a very large heart. He was dearly loved and will be greatly missed.

Claus is survived by wife of 59 years Patricia Miedema of Albertville, MN; sons, Mark (Peggy) Miedema of Little Falls, MN, Dennis (Christine) Miedema of Albertville, MN, Rodney (Theresa) Miedema of Savage, MN and Scott (Greg Bessmer) McGillivray of Palm Springs, CA; daughter, Natalie (Michael) Holmgren of Swanville, MN; brothers, Ed (Marella) Miedema of Rapid City, SD and Stephen (Bev) Miedema of Springfield, SD; sisters, Nellie Ann Karnof of North Manchester, IN and Lillian (Jim) Bush of Huron, SD; 16 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Claus was preceded in death by parents, Claus and Rachel Miedema; infant son, Daryl Miedema; and brothers, Robert, William, James, and Clarence Miedema.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 18. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Grace Covenant Church
17117 Riverwood Drive
Little Falls, MN 56345

Service

MAR 18. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Claus Miedema, Jr.*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - March 17, 2017 at 10:53 AM

JB

Wow ---- this was such a great video! I so enjoyed watching the days of Claus' life. This is such a special family. Well done! Julie Bureau

julie bureau - March 17, 2017 at 08:22 PM



“ *Claus Miedema, Jr.*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM

SS

“ *Sandy Meyer Sobottka lit a candle in memory of Claus Miedema, Jr.*



Sandy Meyer Sobottka - March 21, 2017 at 10:40 PM

SM

“ *Scott McGillivray purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Claus Miedema, Jr..*



Scott McGillivray - March 17, 2017 at 05:21 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Claus Miedema, Jr..*



March 17, 2017 at 02:56 PM

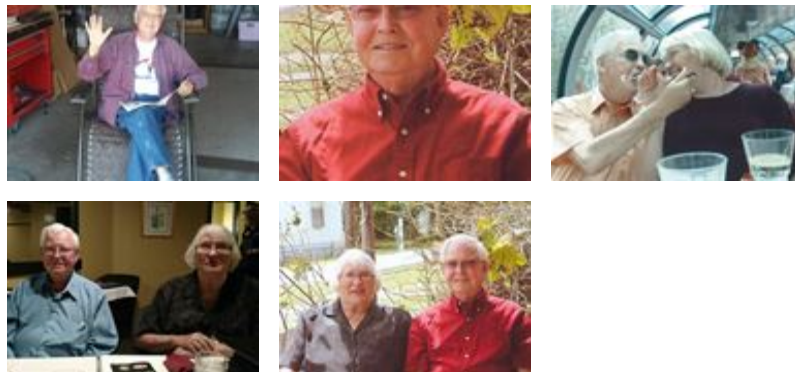
 Scott McGillivray

“ *I love you Aunt Pat and Uncle Claus. You took care of me and gave me a home when I was a scared, lost, confused little boy. You made me feel warm and safe and loved, and you gave so selflessly to me, just as you do to everybody lucky enough to know and love you. Uncle Claus, you lived a wonderful, good, love-filled life, surrounded by countless friends and family. A person couldn't ask for more. Love always, Scott*

Scott McGillivray - March 17, 2017 at 11:59 AM



“ 49 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - March 17, 2017 at 10:47 AM

BC

“ Brent and Cathy purchased the *Sapphire Skies Bouquet* for the family of *Claus Miedema, Jr.*



Brent and Cathy - March 17, 2017 at 01:40 AM

MS

“ Mike & Marie Schaefer lit a candle in memory of *Claus Miedema, Jr.*



Mike & Marie Schaefer - March 16, 2017 at 07:06 PM

KV

“ Ken Virnig lit a candle in memory of Claus Miedema, Jr.



Ken Virnig - March 16, 2017 at 06:48 PM

KV

“ Ken Vrnig lit a candle in memory of Claus Miedema, Jr.



Ken Vrnig - March 16, 2017 at 06:46 PM

PR

“ We are sorry for your loss. Claus was my first and only principal. Have many memories of working with him. Keeping you all in our thoughts. LeRoy and Peg Ross



Peg Ross - March 16, 2017 at 01:48 PM

Jean McVay

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. Nellie Karnof and family.



Jean McVay - March 16, 2017 at 11:26 AM

AF

“ All McGillivray Families and LeBahn Families purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Claus Miedema, Jr..



All McGillivray Families and LeBahn Families - March 16, 2017 at 10:38 AM

CM

“ Chuck, Monica @ Ang McGillivray lit a candle in memory of Claus Miedema, Jr.



Chuck, Monica @ Ang McGillivray - March 16, 2017 at 09:40 AM

BM

“ Brent & Cathy Miller lit a candle in memory of Claus Miedema, Jr.



Brent & Cathy Miller - March 16, 2017 at 09:40 AM

DB

“ Dale and Julie Burau purchased the Blue Caribbe an Bouquet for the family of Claus Miedema, Jr..



Dale and Julie Burau - March 16, 2017 at 08:44 AM

NH

“ *Natalie Holmgren lit a candle in memory of Claus Miedema, Jr.*



Natalie Holmgren - March 16, 2017 at 07:57 AM

NH

I grieve...but not as one with out Hope....for you are saved by your belief in our Gracious Saviour Jesus Christ and it isn't "good bye" but "see ya later dad".....but I grieve because I love...and the memories leak out of my eyes like a river!

Natalie Holmgren - March 16, 2017 at 08:00 AM

CB

“ *Correna Becker lit a candle in memory of Claus Miedema, Jr.*



Correna Becker - March 16, 2017 at 07:38 AM

JB

“ *Pat -- Dennis, Christine and ALL of you...please know you have my deepest sympathy! It was so nice to get to know Claus in the short time we've had to get to know one another. Please know we are thinking of you at this sad time of loss in your family! Sending hugs to all of you!*

Julie Burau - March 16, 2017 at 07:19 AM

SW

“ Shannon Wisneski lit a candle in memory of
Claus Miedema, Jr.



Shannon Wisneski - March 15, 2017 at 10:28 PM

JL

“ Peace and prayers.
--Jonelle & Tony Langer



Jonelle and Tony Langer - March 15, 2017 at 09:01 PM

JK

“ Joe & Sheri Karnof lit a candle in memory of
Claus Miedema, Jr.



joe & sheri karnof - March 15, 2017 at 08:43 PM

JH

“ Jan Hircock lit a candle in memory of Claus
Miedema, Jr.



Jan Hircock - March 15, 2017 at 08:08 PM

JM

“ So sorry for the loss you had. You will be in my prayers.



jean mcvey - March 15, 2017 at 07:54 PM

PK

“ I am so sorry to hear about Claus, Dennis and Chris! My heartfelt prayers and love to all of you!

Parpart Kelli - March 15, 2017 at 07:30 PM



“ Peter Tharaldson lit a candle in memory of Claus Miedema, Jr.



Peter Tharaldson - March 15, 2017 at 07:28 PM

CP

“ Sorry for the loss.



Charlie and Debbie Poser - March 15, 2017 at 07:27 PM

TE

“ Toby & Lynn Egan lit a candle in memory of
Claus Miedema, Jr.



Toby & Lynn Egan - March 15, 2017 at 07:02 PM

MC

“ Melanie Cafaro lit a candle in memory of
Claus Miedema, Jr.



Melanie Cafaro - March 15, 2017 at 06:38 PM

MV

“ Melissa Vizenor lit a candle in memory of
Claus Miedema, Jr.



Melissa Vizenor - March 15, 2017 at 06:31 PM

Jolee
Miedema

“ Jolee Miedema lit a candle in memory of
Claus Miedema, Jr.



Jolee Miedema - March 15, 2017 at 05:49 PM

SG

“ *Sandra Garrigan lit a candle in memory of
Claus Miedema, Jr.*



Sandra Garrigan - March 15, 2017 at 05:32 PM



“ *Who is afraid of the big bad wolf..... You are!
Love you Grandpa!*



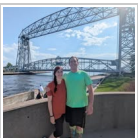
Kayla Miedema - March 15, 2017 at 05:30 PM

KB

“ *Kevin And Lesa Boser lit a candle in memory
of Claus Miedema, Jr.*



Kevin and Lesa Boser - March 15, 2017 at 05:28 PM



“ *The pencil has all the answers.*



Micah Holmgren - March 15, 2017 at 05:25 PM

TS

“ Tony And Jean Sauer lit a candle in memory of Claus Miedema, Jr.



Tony and Jean Sauer - March 15, 2017 at 04:59 PM



“ Thomas Heid lit a candle in memory of Claus Miedema, Jr.



Thomas Heid - March 15, 2017 at 04:57 PM

LH

“ LeRoy & Peggy Hoheisel lit a candle in memory of Claus Miedema, Jr.



LeRoy & Peggy Hoheisel - March 15, 2017 at 02:39 PM

JK

“ Jan Kummet lit a candle in memory of Claus Miedema, Jr.



Jan Kummet - March 15, 2017 at 11:49 AM

DH

“ *Dennis & Janice Hoffman lit a candle in memory of Claus Miedema, Jr.*



Dennis & Janice Hoffman - March 15, 2017 at 11:43 AM

CM

“ *Christine Miedema lit a candle in memory of Claus Miedema, Jr.*



Christine Miedema - March 15, 2017 at 11:24 AM

KS

“ *Kurt Schomer lit a candle in memory of Claus Miedema, Jr.*



Kurt Schomer - March 15, 2017 at 09:26 AM

MW

“ *Mike & Pearl Wilson lit a candle in memory of Claus Miedema, Jr.*



Mike & Pearl Wilson - March 15, 2017 at 06:04 AM