



## Duane W. Jendro

November 30, 1940 - October 9, 2017

Duane W. Jendro, 76-year-old resident of Little Falls, MN passed away Monday, October 9, 2017 at his home. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday, October 14, 2017 at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Little Falls, MN with Father Joe Herzing officiating. Burial will take place in the St. Mary's Parish Cemetery in Little Falls, MN. A visitation will be held from 4-8 P.M. on Friday and from 8:30 until 9:30 A.M. on Saturday all at the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls, MN. A parish prayer service will be held at 4:00 P.M. on Friday at the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls, MN.

Duane was born November 30, 1940 in Minneapolis, MN to the late Joseph and Leona (Przybilla) Jendro. He was the oldest of seven children. At the age of ten, his family moved back to the Little Falls area. As a boy, he enjoyed spending time on his grandparent's farm in Buckman. He attended Pierz High School, class of 1958. After high school, he went to Fort Leonard Wood Missouri for Basic Training and entered the Minnesota National Guard.

Duane and Joan (Pekula) married in 1961 and had five children. Duane enjoyed spending time with family, keeping up with his grandchildren, restoring old tractors and his daily "education sessions" with all his buddies at the Royal Café and he looked forward to every family reunion. Duane was a member of Our Lady of Lourdes Church and participated as funeral server for many years.

“Find something you like to do and you will never work a day in your life.” This was a true statement for Duane. He always found great enjoyment in the mechanical side of things while working his various jobs with Muske’s Plumbing, White’s Plumbing, Benson Radiator, Home Furnace Co. and Earl LeMieur Busing. He eventually retired from Morrison County as the Building and Maintenance Engineer after 20 years. But Duane’s greatest joy came from driving. He spent nearly 50 years driving both commercial and school bus for LeMieur, Palmer’s and Andy’s Charter. It was common knowledge that Duane rarely consulted a map and never had to look at it more than once.

Duane is survived by his wife, Joan of 56 years. His children; Danial (Jackie) Jendro, Janet Groshong, Dorothy (Brian) Lindquist, Julie (Rob Logan) Jendro; grandchildren, Cassandra Taylor, Adam Jendro, Adam (Leigha) Janey, Joshua, Derik and Jack Jendro, Sarah Koenig, William Groshong and Megan Koenig; great-grandchildren, Lucas and Ledger Janey; his siblings, Curt Jendro, Kevin (Karen) Jendro, Murial (Tom) Goebel, Vivian Demare, Marlys (Donny) Will and Betty (Dan) Strom.

Duane was preceded in death by his son; Joseph, his parents Joseph and Leona (Jendro) Sahr and his step-father Leo Sahr.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery - Little Falls

14637 138th Street  
Little Falls, MN 56345

# Previous Events

## Service

OCT **14**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Our Lady Of Lourdes Catholic Church  
208 West Broadway  
Little Falls, MN

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Duane W. Jendro*



**Lemieur Funeral Homes** - October 12, 2017 at 10:56 AM



“ *Duane W. Jendro*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *Rosemary Doble lit a candle in memory of Duane W. Jendro*



**Rosemary Doble** - October 18, 2017 at 12:19 PM



“ *Randy K Albrecht lit a candle in memory of Duane W. Jendro*



**Randy K Albrecht** - October 14, 2017 at 04:34 PM

RA

*When I think of Duane I think of white popcorn and Sunday afternoon movies at the house on 4th Ave.  
May you rest in peace , Duane and Gods Blessings on the family.*

Randy K Albrecht - October 14, 2017 at 04:37 PM

AJ

“ *After visiting my family in Minnesota  
My father Curt Jendro , my son and and me we’re heading back to Las Vegas. On our journey we were to meet my uncle Duane on the road somewhere in Wyoming. Unfamiliar territory trying to figure out where to go,Uncke Duane knew exactly our location by me telling him which exit and road I was at and knew where he and his chartered bus could meet us at. Uncle Duane told us to get off a certain exit get to a certain gas station and he and a few other chartered buses would be arriving in 10 minutes. He was perfectly accurate.  
We met , took a few photos, had a nice conversation. Although short quick visit this was truly a highlight in our trip and a fond memory. Uncle Duane you will be missed!*

Angela Jendro - October 14, 2017 at 04:24 AM

DL

“ *Doug & Rita LeMieur lit a candle in memory of  
Duane W. Jendro*



Doug & Rita LeMieur - October 13, 2017 at 08:13 PM

CZ

“ *Carrie Zupko lit a candle in memory of Duane W. Jendro*



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**Carrie Zupko** - October 13, 2017 at 04:44 PM



“ *Rest In Peace my friend! My condolences and sympathies to all the family! Going to miss ya Jinx!*

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**Danny Waldvogel** - October 13, 2017 at 04:23 PM

 Laura Ploof Larson

“ *Laura Ploof Larson lit a candle in memory of Duane W. Jendro*



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**Laura Ploof Larson** - October 12, 2017 at 11:33 PM

KJ

“ *What a fun, kind, caring, (and yet pain in the butt at times) my brother-in-law Duane was to me. He so loved to give me a bad time in a kidding kind of way. Some of my fondest memories of Duane was the he was quite a dancer! It was wonderful to watch him and Joan glide around the dance floors. I think he would win "Dancing with the Stars" trophy because he was so as they would say "light on his feet" and "pointed his toes", etc. Kevin, Duane's youngest brother, told me that Duane was on American Bandstand. I guess one would have to be older than 55 to remember about American Bandstand. May you be with God and all your loved ones who have gone before us Duane. May God bless Joan and your family with strength and courage through this grieving time. RIP Duane!*

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**Karen Jendro** - October 12, 2017 at 06:58 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Duane W. Jendro.*



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October 12, 2017 at 06:01 PM

DL

“ *DelRae LeBlanc lit a candle in memory of Duane W. Jendro*



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**DelRae LeBlanc** - October 12, 2017 at 02:26 PM



“ 4 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Lemieux Funeral Homes** - October 12, 2017 at 01:55 PM

SK

“ *My sympathy to family*

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**Shirley kuchinski** - October 12, 2017 at 01:46 PM

MB

“ *Myron Bahmer sent a virtual gift in memory of Duane W. Jendro*



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**Myron Bahmer** - October 12, 2017 at 11:14 AM



“ 45 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Lemieur Funeral Homes** - October 12, 2017 at 09:54 AM



“ *Angela Dooley lit a candle in memory of Duane W. Jendro*



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**Angela Dooley** - October 12, 2017 at 05:10 AM



“ *Dorothy, sympathy's to you and your family..*



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**paula molloy (bellefeuille)** - October 12, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ *Ben Kuklock lit a candle in memory of Duane W. Jendro*



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**Ben Kuklock** - October 11, 2017 at 10:47 PM

JD

“ *So sorry for your loss.  
Jeanne and Dick Knopik*

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**Jeanne and Dick** - October 11, 2017 at 08:48 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Duane W. Jendro.*



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October 11, 2017 at 04:24 PM

MC

“ *Joan and family. So sorry for your loss. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Mike & Denise Czech*



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**Mike & Denise Czech** - October 11, 2017 at 01:19 PM

JP

“ *My fondest memory of Uncle Duane was when my unit came back from Iraq to Ft McCoy and I heard busses pull up by to my barracks to take a different unit back to Minnesota. I looked out my window and realized the driver of the first buss was Duane! I ran outside and he gave me a big hug! He told me he would be back next week to take my unit back and I told him that I will make sure my platoon was on his bus! It was great!!*

*He will be missed!  
Jeff & Monique Pekula*

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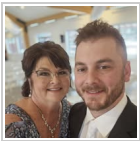
**Jeffery Pekula** - October 11, 2017 at 12:54 PM

CV

“ *Joan, my deepest sympathies to you and your family. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Cathy VanRisseghem** - October 11, 2017 at 12:12 PM



“ *Jill Guith lit a candle in memory of Duane W. Jendro*



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**Jill Guith** - October 11, 2017 at 10:13 AM



“ *Laurie Venske Koll sent a virtual gift in memory of Duane W. Jendro*



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**Laurie Venske Koll** - October 11, 2017 at 06:26 AM



*mike and i send hugs to the whole family so sorry for such a great loss*

**Laurie Venske Koll** - October 11, 2017 at 06:28 AM



“ *Laurie Venske Koll lit a candle in memory of Duane W. Jendro*



**Laurie Venske Koll** - October 11, 2017 at 06:08 AM



“ *Kelly Thomsen lit a candle in memory of Duane W. Jendro*



**Kelly Thomsen** - October 10, 2017 at 11:18 PM

RP

“ *Joan and family,  
So sorry to hear of the loss of Uncle Duane.  
All of you are in our thoughts and prayers.  
Roger and Susan Pekula*



**Roger Pekula** - October 10, 2017 at 09:58 PM

MB

“ *Mary Brausen lit a candle in memory of Duane W. Jendro*



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**Mary Brausen** - October 10, 2017 at 09:38 PM

KP

“ *Waitressing since 1988, I've had the pleasure of serving coffee to Duane, Joan, and their family. He always made me smile and I always welcomed them in. Country Kitchen, The Kitchen, and Perkins were jobs that I loved! Because of customers like Duane. You'll be missed.*



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**Karla Plante** - October 10, 2017 at 08:44 PM

CN

“ *Carol Nelson lit a candle in memory of Duane W. Jendro*



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**Carol Nelson** - October 10, 2017 at 08:44 PM

BL

“ *Bemidji Line lit a candle in memory of Duane W. Jendro*



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**Bemidji Line** - October 10, 2017 at 07:30 PM

BL

*Thoughts and prayers from everyone at Bemidji Bus Line.*

**Bemidji Line** - October 10, 2017 at 07:36 PM

BL

“ *Bemidji Line lit a candle in memory of Duane W. Jendro*



**Bemidji Line** - October 10, 2017 at 07:29 PM

 Vivian DeMarre

“ *I'll never forget going to the Red Bull Bar getting advice on boy problems. Coming to my house fixing my furnace and not that long ago, showing me how to take out my air conditioner fuses and having them tested after telling me where they were All the visits to curt and I. I enjoyed our visits at your house. He istruly going to be missed I'm proud to be his sister My heart goes out to you all. Deepest sympathy to you all.*

**Vivian DeMarre** - October 10, 2017 at 05:45 PM

JD

“ *Jeanne Davis lit a candle in memory of Duane W. Jendro*



**jeanne davis** - October 10, 2017 at 04:22 PM

CM

“ *Claudette Moran lit a candle in memory of Duane W. Jendro*



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**Claudette Moran** - October 10, 2017 at 03:34 PM

CM

*Prayers and condolences go out to to Julie, and her entire family, May your dad rest in the peace of Christ, and may God hold all of you in the palm of his hand.*

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**Claudette Moran** - October 10, 2017 at 03:35 PM

MG

“ *We were 12 years apart and I really never got to know my brother. I want to thank Joan for allowing me to sit with Duane these past weeks, months , year . We talked and laughed. I learned so much about him . Although I always loved him as family.... I love him now as a big brother. Hugs to his family.*

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**Murial Goebel** - October 10, 2017 at 01:31 PM

MA

*Joan, Dan&Jackie, Janet, Dorothy&Brian, Julie. My truest sympathy to you and your families. May your memories be of good times... To my brother, I love you and will miss you.*

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**Marlys** - October 10, 2017 at 01:53 PM

SW

“ *Stan Dee Wielinski lit a candle in memory of Duane W. Jendro*



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**Stan Dee Wielinski** - October 10, 2017 at 12:59 PM

SW

*He will be missed! Peace!*

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**Stan Dee Wielinski** - October 10, 2017 at 01:00 PM

CJ

“ *Corey Jelinski lit a candle in memory of Duane W. Jendro*



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**Corey Jelinski** - October 10, 2017 at 12:51 PM

CJ

“ *Thank you, Uncle Duane and family for allowing me to join you on some of those fun Skiing trips to Michigan. I will never forget! Prayers and Blessings !!*



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**Curtis Jendro, Jr.** - October 10, 2017 at 11:59 AM

RB

“ *Richard Berg lit a candle in memory of Duane W. Jendro*



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**Richard Berg** - October 10, 2017 at 11:45 AM

LF

“ *Louise Frank lit a candle in memory of Duane W. Jendro*



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**Louise Frank** - October 10, 2017 at 11:07 AM

MB

“ *Myron Bahmer lit a candle in memory of Duane W. Jendro*



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**Myron Bahmer** - October 10, 2017 at 10:11 AM

PM

“ *Patty And Joe Mallak lit a candle in memory of Duane W. Jendro*



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**Patty and Joe Mallak** - October 10, 2017 at 09:04 AM

MH

“ Mike And Judy Huebner lit a candle in memory of Duane W. Jendro



Mike and Judy Huebner - October 10, 2017 at 08:20 AM

CS

“ Joan,  
Our thoughts and prayers are with and your family.  
Chuck and Faye Santala



Chuck and Faye Santala - October 10, 2017 at 08:08 AM

JV

“ JIM AND CAROL VOGL lit a candle in memory of Duane W. Jendro



JIM AND CAROL VOGL - October 10, 2017 at 07:37 AM

JU

“ 2 files added to the album New Album Name



Julie - October 10, 2017 at 04:22 AM

MB

“ *Sending all my love to the entire family.*

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**Mary Bellefeuille** - October 09, 2017 at 11:12 PM

MC

“ *Uncle Duane will be dearly missed by us all.*



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**Michelle Carll** - October 09, 2017 at 10:50 PM

AD

“ *Sending our condolences to your family.*  
*Jim and Amanda Dawson*



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**Amanda Dawson** - October 09, 2017 at 09:36 PM

JF

“ *Jeff and Gea Miller Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Duane W. Jendro.*



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**Jeff and Gea Miller Family** - October 09, 2017 at 07:28 PM

DS

“ *DAN & KANDY SAULTER lit a candle in memory of Duane W. Jendro*



**DAN & KANDY SAULTER** - October 09, 2017 at 06:34 PM

KP

“ *Sending my deepest condolences to the entire Jendro family. My job as a waitress at Country Kitchen, The Kitchen and at Perkins gave me years of memories serving Duane and Joan. I'm grateful for their daughter, Julie, for being my friend for so many years. He'll be missed, but he'll also be forever loved. Sending love to you all.*

**Karla Plante** - October 09, 2017 at 06:34 PM

FT

“ *Fred & Judy Tabatt lit a candle in memory of Duane W. Jendro*



**Fred & Judy Tabatt** - October 09, 2017 at 05:05 PM

EL

*One of my earliest memories is playing games with Duane and other cousins at our Grandparents farm in Buckman. RIP dear cousin.*

**Eloise** - October 12, 2017 at 11:43 PM