



## Robert "Bob" A. Happke

July 1, 1937 - December 11, 2022

Robert "Bob" Happke, 85 year old resident of Pierz, MN passed away Sunday, December 11, 2022 in Pierz, MN. A Mass of Christian Burial will take place at 11:30 A.M. on Saturday, December 17, 2022 at St. John Nepomuk Catholic Church in Lastrup, MN with Father David Maciej officiating and Father Kenneth Popp con-celebrating. Burial will take place in St. John Nepomuk Parish Cemetery in Lastrup, MN. A visitation will be held from 9:30-11:30 A.M. on Saturday at St. John Nepomuk Catholic Church in Lastrup, MN. Office of the Dead prayer service will be at 9:15 A.M. on Saturday, prior to the visitation at the church. Caring for Bob and his family is the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Pierz, MN.

Bob was born on July 1, 1937 in Morrison County, the son of George and Alvina Happke. He graduated from Pierz Memorial Highschool in 1955. After high school, he stayed home and helped his dad on the farm north of Pierz. Bob met his wife Shirley while playing drums in a polka band. They dated five and a half years and were married in 1962. Bob and Shirley bought the farm from his dad and farmed together with their ten children until they retired in 2001 and moved to Pierz. Bob continued to farm well into his retirement years. In addition to farming and raising ten children, Bob was a board member of St. John's School in Lastrup, Morrison County DHIA, the Morrison County Fair, and the Banner Bus Corporation. He was a member and a Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus and a trustee of St. John's Nepomuk Parish

in Lastrup, MN. Bob loved farming, playing and watching baseball and basketball, dancing, playing drums in polka bands (the Jolly Fisherman, the Country Polkateers, and Country Pride), speaking German and talking on the phone. He will always be remembered for his wisdom, quick wit and great sense of humor.

Bob is survived by children, Kevin Happke of Pierz, MN, Kelly (Daniel) Gangl of Pierz, MN, Karen (Scott) Schreiber of Big Sky, MT, Kay (Robert) Mongeau of Whistler, Canada, Keith (Doreen) Happke of Pierz, MN, Kari (Bruce) Happke of Brainerd, MN, Kent (Stacy) Happke of Pierz, MN, Kyle (Kori) Happke of Pierz, MN, and Kayla Gerads of Dallas, TX; son-in-law, Tony Scheel of Rice, MN; siblings, Al Happke of Mahtomedi, MN, Sylvia Kruschek of Little Falls, MN, Renee (Larry) Litke of Harding, MN, David (Jean) Happke of Little Falls, MN, Marie (Marn) Flicker of Grand Rapids, MN and Bea (Collin) Gau of St. Cloud, MN; 22 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by parents, George, Alvina and Florence Happke; wife, Shirley Happke; daughter, Karla Scheel and sister, Barb Bohrer.

In Lieu of Flowers, Memorials are preferred to: Holy Trinity School, Pierz, MN or St. John Nepomuk Catholic Church, Lastrup, MN.

Our family would like to thank each and everyone of you for your thoughts, prayers, love, cards and memorials during this difficult time. No Thank You Cards Will Be Sent.

# Cemetery Details

## St. John Nepomuk

28520 Church Street  
Lastrup, MN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 17. 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

St. John Nepomuk  
28520 Church Street  
Lastrup, MN

## Funeral Mass

DEC 17. 11:30 AM (CT)

St. John Nepomuk  
28520 Church Street  
Lastrup, MN

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert "Bob" A. Happke*



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**Lemieur Funeral Homes** - December 16, 2022 at 07:58 AM

MF

“ *Our heartfelt sympathy to the entire Happke family. Thank you so much for sharing the beautiful tribute video. Bob & Shirley were amazing models and friends while we both farmed and raised our families. They were both truly a blessing and we cherish the memories of time spent together visiting about Holsteins and family. Their faith and hope will always be with us as we trust in God's love forever. God's peace to all.*

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**Marilyn & Harold Fiedler** - February 04, 2023 at 01:22 PM



“ *Robert "Bob" A. Happke*

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January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ 8 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Lemieur Funeral Homes** - December 17, 2022 at 08:17 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" A. Happke.



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December 16, 2022 at 01:59 PM



“ *Sending our thoughts and prayers to the Happke family*



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**Anna Klein** - December 16, 2022 at 07:55 AM



“ 3 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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Lemieur Funeral Homes - December 16, 2022 at 07:54 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" A. Happke.



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December 16, 2022 at 07:48 AM



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Lemieur Funeral Homes - December 15, 2022 at 01:19 PM



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Lemieur Funeral Homes - December 15, 2022 at 10:28 AM



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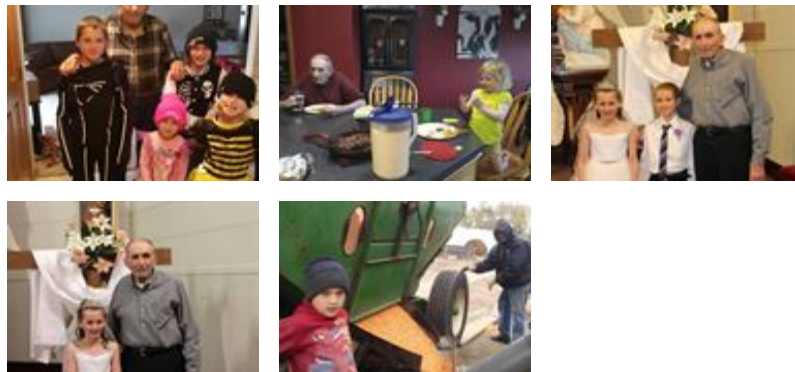


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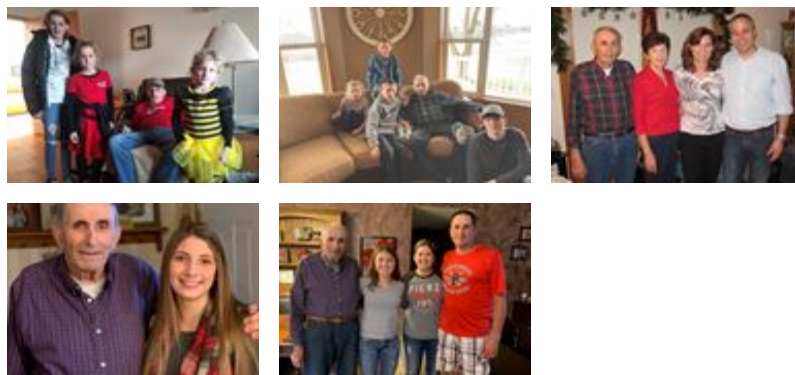
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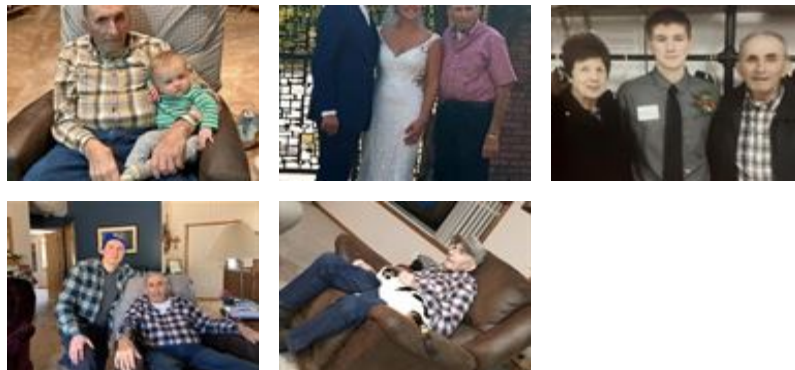
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Lemieur Funeral Homes - December 14, 2022 at 11:13 AM



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**Lemieur Funeral Homes** - December 14, 2022 at 10:10 AM

CB

“ *Correna C Becker lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" A. Happke*



**Correna C Becker** - December 14, 2022 at 08:11 AM

MB

“ *Dear Family of Bob, My fondest memory of your Dad and grandfather was when he gave me a ride home to our farm during a “monster snow storm” when my bus driver was afraid to go on our dirt road to drop me off from school so he dropped me off at their farm. I will never forget that scary time! It was snowing hard and the wind was blowing so hard that our driveway was level with the ditches. He was a good and brave neighbor! My deepest sympathy to all of you.*

*Margie (Boser) Benusa*

**Margie Benusa** - December 13, 2022 at 11:41 PM

AM

*Our Deepest Sympathies to All  
Tom and Aryliss Moulzolf*

**Aryliss Moulzolf** - December 15, 2022 at 11:28 PM

KT

“ *Sending prayers to the family.*



**Kelly Voltin Thomsen** - December 13, 2022 at 09:58 PM

PD

“ *We were Bob and Shirley’s neighbors when they moved to town. They were wonderful kind people. A fun memory is when Bob poked his finger into our garden deciding it was dry and that he would water his grass which meant our garden would get a good drink. That was so kind! Paul and Pam DeMorett*

**Pam DeMorett** - December 13, 2022 at 09:47 PM

SS

*My thoughts & prayers are with the Happke family on the passing of Bob. I spend alot of time babysitting my cousins growing up. Prayers to all! 🙏*

**Sandy Meyer Sobottka** - December 14, 2022 at 12:39 PM

DP

“ Everyone at Pierz Subway always thought Bob was the cutest and nicest man to come into the store. He would always joke with them and they really enjoyed it when he would come. He'd come often enough that most of the girls at the time knew his sub by heart and he wouldn't even have to order his sandwich because they would start it as soon as they saw him come in! He was a joy to all of us there. Sympathies to the families.

Debbie Poser - December 13, 2022 at 09:45 PM

MS

“ We got to meet Bob and Shirley at Kay and Robert's wedding. They were a delightful pair. The testament to their lives well lived are their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren - a lasting legacy of family, faith and love. Our sympathies to the Hapke family and those who loved and cared for Bob.

Madelyn & Eric Sladky - December 13, 2022 at 06:02 PM

NH

“ So sorry for your families loss. I remember our family visits, Bob was a wonderful person!

Nancy Meyer Helfrich - December 13, 2022 at 05:34 PM

CB

“ My sympathy and prayers to all Bob's family.



Connie Banach - December 13, 2022 at 04:13 PM

DF

“ Dear Happke Family. Our deepest and most heartfelt condolences. Remember all the good times shared.

Darrol & Judi Ficek - December 13, 2022 at 01:50 PM

NK

“ I remember meeting Bob years ago through my dad, Earl Koester as my dad had an old tyme band. I remember Bob as being very friendly and funny. My deepest sympathy for Bob's family.

Nona Koester - December 13, 2022 at 01:22 PM

MI

“ I will miss him, his smile, his voice in singing at the Villa, his peaceful spirit. A beautiful part of Pierz is gone to be fully with God his source of peace and joy. --- Michael Pekar

michael - December 13, 2022 at 12:55 PM

SD

“ Lynette and I send our deepest sympathies. I always enjoyed Bob's candor and sense of humor. He raised a great family

Steven Dooley - December 13, 2022 at 12:32 PM

BC

“ Dear Happkes, We are so very sorry for your loss. Bob was a great man, with a wonderful sense of humor! He will be missed. Please know that you will be in our prayers. -the Corbetts

Bridget Corbett - December 13, 2022 at 10:39 AM

MW

“ So sorry for your families loss, Bob was a great person!

Mike & Pearl Wilson - December 12, 2022 at 11:41 PM