



Thomas A. Nienaber

February 16, 1944 - November 20, 2021

Thomas A. Nienaber, 77 year old resident of Burtrum, MN, passed away on Saturday, November 20, 2021 at United Hospital in St. Paul, MN. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 AM on Saturday, November 27, 2021 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Swanville, MN, with Father Ron Dockendorf officiating. Burial will be in St. John's parish cemetery in Swanville. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 PM Friday and from 9:30 to 10:30 AM Saturday at the church in Swanville, MN. Military Rites will be performed by the Swanville American Legion Post#313.

Thomas Anthony Nienaber was born on February 16, 1944 in Albany Township, MN to the late Theodor and Marie (Borgerding) Nienaber. He enlisted in the United States Army in 1965 and was honorably discharged in 1967. Thomas was united in marriage to Rosemary Heinen on April 27, 1968 at St. Anthony Catholic Church in St. Anthony, MN. In 1973, Thomas and Rosemary moved to Burtrum where he continued his carpentry and then began farming. He was a faithful member of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Swanville. Thomas had many hobbies such as fishing, hunting, bird and deer watching, along with his ultimate passion of snowmobiling with his family and friends. He also enjoyed playing the concertina and singing Christmas carols with his family. Thomas loved his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren more than anything.

Thomas is survived by his wife of 53 years, Rosemary; children, Lisa Beek of Sartell, MN, Matthew Nienaber of St. Stephen, MN, Luke (Lynne) Nienaber of Holdingford, MN, Mark (Kaye) Nienaber of Swanville, Laura (Reuben) McGowan of Moorhead, MN, John (Rebecca) Nienaber of Clearwater, MN, and Stephen (Emma) Nienaber of Moorhead; brothers, Roman Nienaber of Sauk Centre, MN, Richard (Mildred) Nienaber of Melrose, MN, and Henry Nienaber of Sartell; sisters, Eileen Nienaber (Anthony) and MaryAnn Nienaber (Alfred), both of Saskatchewan, Canada; 15 grandchildren, and 6 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Theodor and Marie Nienaber; brothers, Bernard, Harvey, and infant brother, Victor Nienaber; infant sister, AnnaMarie Nienaber; and sisters-in-law, Mildred and Lois Nienaber.

Cemetery Details

St. John the Baptist Cemetery - Swanville, MN

Swanville, MN

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **26**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

St. John's Catholic Church - Swanville
12 First Street
Swanville, MN

Visitation

NOV **27**. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

St. John's Catholic Church - Swanville
12 First Street
Swanville, MN

Mass of Christian Burial

NOV **27**. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. John's Catholic Church - Swanville
12 First Street
Swanville, MN

Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas A. Nienaber*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *Our deepest sympathy to the family.*

Kevin and Marlene Gwost - November 26, 2021 at 11:05 AM



“ *One of my best memories of Tom was when I was coming home from church one Sunday and I looked over at Nienaber's farm. At that time, they were living in their old house and there was a huge shade tree in the front yard. Tom was sitting in a chair, playing the concertina and the kids were sitting around him listening. It was a gentle moment....He loved music.*

Becky Dawson - November 25, 2021 at 11:22 AM



“ *Rosemary and Tom's Family, We were so sad to hear the news that Tom was no longer with us. Tom was a very friendly guy who always had something to say. (Sometimes with a little humor). He will be very much missed by all of us. You're in our thoughts and prayers. Our deepest sympathy goes out to you. Sandie and Glenn Klimmek*

Sandie - November 24, 2021 at 09:45 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Thomas A. Nienaber.*



November 23, 2021 at 03:20 PM



“ *Sending prayers to Lisa and the rest of the family.*



Kelly Voltin Thomsen - November 22, 2021 at 11:25 PM



“ *Growing up just down the road from Tom and Rosemary I got to hangout with their youngest Stephen. My brother Joe and I frequented their house fairly often in high school and I always enjoyed Tom's sense of humor. One night I was on my way home from college and I hit an icy patch and ended up in the ditch. I was less than ten minutes from home but I couldn't reach my parents. So I called Tom because I knew he would help me out. He didn't disappoint and showed up in short order. When he got out of the truck he looked at me and looked at my car and said "You know that's not a snowmobile right??"*

No single story or memory can encompass the man that he was, but Tom's sons are a great tribute to the life he lived and I'm blessed to have spent as much time with one of them as I have.

David Mettler - November 22, 2021 at 09:58 PM