



Pius Deringer

July 31, 1932 - May 12, 2008

Pius Deringer, 75, left this earth for eternal life on Monday, May 12, 2008 at his home with all of his children by his side. Services will be held at 10:30 am Thursday at Parkway Funeral Service Chapel, 2330 Tyler Parkway, Bismarck with Rev. Leonard Eckroth officiating. Burial will be in the North Dakota Veteran's Cemetery, Mandan. Visitation will be held from 7:00 pm until 9:00 pm Wednesday and one hour prior to services Thursday at Parkway Funeral Service. Pius was born July 31, 1932, to George and Barbara Welk Deringer in Emmons County, where he was raised and educated. He is a nephew of Lawrence Welk. Pius married Martha Schumacher on October 27, 1955 and to this union were born seven children. Pius joined the Army during the Korean War for two years and was honorably discharged in 1954. He worked for Harley Miller Construction and farmed east of Bismarck. He worked at the ND State Penitentiary for 15 1/2 years until his retirement at age 62. Pius had a great love for horses. He spent many hours at the sales ring and on occasion he'd bring his grandchildren. His two favorite horses were Daisy and Blaze, he enjoyed giving wagon and sleigh rides and was always ready when asked for rides. The other family in Pius' life was his AA family. He was honored to be a sponsor for others and proud of his 30 years of sobriety. He also was a member of the Driscoll Men's Club. Pius is survived by three sons and daughters-in-law, Francis and Josephine of Vancouver, WA, Lloyd and Mary of Bismarck, ND and Harvey and Crystal of Menoken, ND; four daughters and sons-in-law, Janet and Tim Derby of Bismarck, ND, Deb and

Joe Frank of West Fargo, ND, Tammy and Vince Sanders of Bismarck, ND and Pam and Tracy Heiser of Dickinson, ND; 17 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren and two step-grandchildren; two sisters, Angie and Bob Murphy of Blue Earth, MN and Christine Baumgartner of Bismarck, ND; two sisters-in-law, Bertha Deringer and Clara Deringer both of Strasburg, ND and many nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Anna Mary Schwab and Agnes Kuss; brothers, Eugene, Victor and Leo and two infant siblings. The family appreciates Pius' friends and great Hospice caregivers.

Tribute Wall

KK

“ Blair and I enjoyed the years that Pius was our "neighbor" south east of Bismarck. We traded favors back and forth and he was so great about bringing over the horses and wagon. He took our family for a wagon drive one Easter Sunday, even. He came over with the wagon and team and took my 4-H Club kids for a drive, also. I enjoyed talking horses with him. Every now and then since he moved away we would have a message on the answering machine: "Ya, this is Pius, just wondering if you are still alive"

Kitt Konschak - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BO

“ Deb along with your friends and family the memories will help you make it through this tough time. Cherish them always Thinking Of You Barry

Barry Olson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ I am so sorry for your loss. If there is anything we can do, please let us know. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Julie Hoffman - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ My condolences to you and your family. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.

Annette Hahn - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ Thinking of you and your family at this sad time Debbie.

Martina Wyse - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ *Deb & Joe and Family Thinking of you and wishing that there was something that I could do or say that would bring you comfort. May God Bless each of you with strength, peace and hope during this sad time. Love to you, Joanne*

Joanne Philbrick - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. Take Care.*

Darlene Weigel - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

J.

“ *Pius was a significant person in the early years of my sobering up. He had this German brogue that gave one the impression he was "from the old country." But Pius had a handle on life seldom attributed to the "old country." He was a kind, thoughtful man with a wide understanding of surviving alcoholism and was a shining example for many "newcomers" and "oldtimers" alike. Pius will be missed in the Bismarck AA scene. God let us have him for a while and now will enjoy his company full time. Love and prayers to his family.*

J.C. - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ *Pius, thank you for all the laughter you gave us here on earth. Now I'm sure you have them all laughing in heaven! You will be missed by so many people whose lives you touched. Karla*

Karla R. Monson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ *Deb-thinking of you and your family. I am so sorry for your loss.*

Jenny Gress - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family Deb at this difficult time.Laura*

Laura Tahrn - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RO

“ *Lloyd, sorry to hear about your father. My condolences to you and your family.I'm sure you have some nice memories to look back on. Take care.Randy*

Randy Olsen - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MS

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

Mary Sprecher - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TV

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you and your Family.*

Tara Vigen - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ *I am so sorry to hear about the passing of your Dad,may his memory live on in your hearts forever.God bless you all in this great time of sorrow,today and in the days ahead.*

Karla Kraft - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM