

Dale "Duff" Settlemeyer, aged 81, passed away peacefully on June 25, 2024, surrounded by his loved ones. He was a husband, father, grandpa, and all around grumpy old man. Duff lived in New Rockford for most of his 81 years.

Born October 22, 1942 to George and Margaret (Hitz) Settlemeyer, Dale was the first of four children. He worked hard even as a child, milking cows and helping around the farm. He spent time working in the chicken coop which resulted in a life-long disgust with poultry of all kinds. Duff went to "country school", New Rockford Central, and graduated from St. James Academy. He married Sharon Lindstrom with whom he had two children, Anthony (Tony) Dale, and Timothy George. Later, he attended the University of North Dakota and worked at Shakey's Pizza in Grand Forks, where he met Bonnie Rynestad. They married and had two children, Nikki and Jake. Duff married Sandy Nygaard in 1990 and was married to her for the rest of his life.

Duff and Sandy enjoyed riding horses and visiting with family at the farm. They were members of the Circle Trail Riders and went on the last ride over Father's Day weekend.

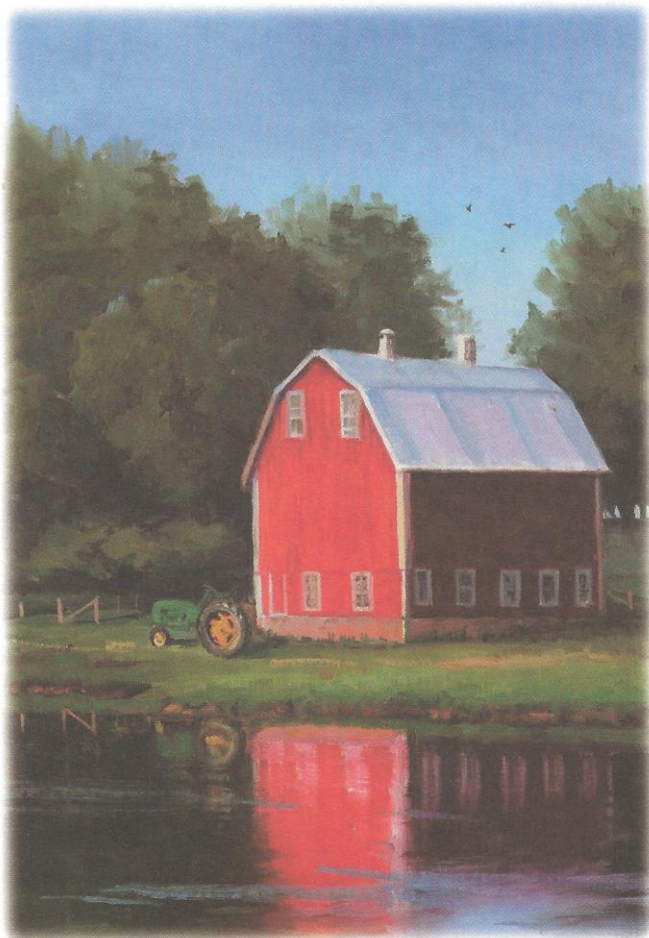
In 2014, Grayson "Gracie" Sykora came into the Settlemeyer's life as an infant and became a granddaughter to Duff and Sandy. She brought much joy to them in the later years. Gracie and her dad, Paul Sykora, grew to be family to Sandy and Duff and spent lots of time with the Settlemeyer's on the farm.

Duff spent the majority of his life on the Settlemeyer family farm, a place that held deep meaning for him. He was raised with a strong work ethic and kept busy tending to the farm even after the livestock was gone. After he retired, he enjoyed working on various projects, pushing snow, taking care of the horses, and mowing the lawn.

Duffy loved westerns, his wife Sandy, his children and grandchildren, animals of all kinds, and more than anything, he loved smoking. Duffy was always going to make his own pine box but his cousin Rodney made it.

Duff is survived by wife, Sandy; children, Tony (Anca) Settlemeyer, Nikki Settlemeyer, Jake Settlemeyer, and grandchildren, Faith Settlemeyer, Stephanie Settlemeyer, Otto Settlemeyer and Grayson Sykora; siblings, Marilyn Jacobs and Susan (Jerry) Ryden.

He is preceded in death by his parents, George and Margaret; brother, John "Jake" Settlemeyer; a son, Timothy Settlemeyer, and many friends and relatives.



A Life Remembered



God Saw Him

*God saw he was getting tired
And a cure was not to be
So He put His arms around him
And whispered, "Come to Me."*

*With tearful eyes we watched him suffer
And saw him fade away.
Although we loved him dearly
We could not make him stay.*

*A golden heart stopped beating;
Hard working hands put to rest.
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He only takes the best.*

Celebrating A Life Well Lived

Dale "Duff" Settlemeyer

October 22, 1942 – Burns, OR

June 25, 2024 – Grand Forks, ND

VISITATION & PRAYER SERVICE

Thursday, July 25, 2024

Visitation 6:00PM-7:00PM

Prayer Service 7:00PM

St. John's Catholic Church, New Rockford, ND

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Friday, July 26, 2024

10:30AM

St. John's Catholic Church, New Rockford, ND

OFFICIATING

Fr. Reese Weber & Deacon Bart Salazar

MUSIC

Heather Klocke

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

All of Duff's Family & Friends

BURIAL

St. John's Catholic Cemetery, New Rockford, ND

Arrangements by

Evans Funeral Home – Carrington & New Rockford, ND

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