



## Vernon M. Schreiner

December 21, 1944 - March 21, 2023

Mass of Christian Burial will be 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 29, 2023, at St. Nicholas Catholic Church, St. Nicholas, MN, for Vernon M. Schreiner, age 78, who died Tuesday at Assumption Home, Cold Spring, MN. Burial will be in the parish cemetery.

A visitation will be from 4:00-7:00 p.m., Tuesday at Wenner Funeral Home in Richmond, MN.

Today we “Gotta-be” sad, grateful, and proud. On 3-21-23 Vern Schreiner was called to his final “ponderosa”.

On 12-21-44 God looked down and said, “I need a strong, kind, generous man who is friendly to all, tells his loved ones ‘I love you and don’t you ever forget it’, greets friends and strangers with a warm smile, firm handshake, and eventually ‘knucks’. A man believes he has a perfect lawn until someone else mows, a brother that bonds strongly with all five siblings, a husband who lives by his wedding vows, a (grand)father that instills goodness by example, doesn’t forget to say thank you, admits when he’s made a mistake, trusts in God’s plan, oh and not to forget ..... ‘I need a farmer and I’m going to name him Vernon Michael Schreiner.’”

He was born in St. Nicholas, MN to Gregor and Frances Schreiner. He lived

on the farm his grandparents settled on from Germany, where he grew up with five siblings Ray (JoAnn), Ralph (Judi), Sy, Marion (Elmer) Frank and Dave who all became his lifelong best friends.

He graduated from St. Boniface High School in 1962. Baseball was a passion that started at a very young age, and it continued throughout his entire life. His true dream was to take over the family farm. On September 2, 1968, he married Lucy Linn, who on that day forward was truly adored. They owned and operated the family dairy and crop farm where they raised five children: Duane (Kelly), Rhonda (Tom) Cronin, Scott (Holly), Tina (Chris) Pendergast and Paul (DeNay).

After 38 years Vern passed the century farm baton to his oldest son. Vern and Lucy moved “into town” where Vern worked for Backes Wood Products. They enjoyed time with friends and their growing family of ten grandchildren Carrie (Logan) Gjovik, Patrick and Matthew, Quinlan and Vincent Cronin, Gracyn and Mara, Gavin Pendergast, Reed and Bryn.

Vern is also survived by in-laws, Eileen (Max) Wakefield, Ralph (Theresia) Linn, Clarence (Marion) Linn, Betty Linn, Roger (Neva) Linn, and Gary (Teresa) Linn.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers-in-law, Richard Linn, Loren Linn; nephews, Gregg Schreiner, Nicholas Schreiner and niece, Sherrie Frank.

Vern was a member of: U.S. Army Reserves, Cold Spring Co-op board, Land O'Lakes, St. Nicholas Parish and Men's Sodality, Farm Bureau, The Catholic United, American Legion and Knights of Columbus. When he wasn't farming, he enjoyed hunting, playing cards and attending sporting events.

The past twelve years Vern continued to choose to live by his core values as a disease took over everything but his mind. He kept his chin up to notice the good, maintained an incredible will to live, never forgot to say thank you to a caregiver and told jokes with limited words. He chose love and faith and he prevailed. (Thank you for letting us witness the beauty in the power of perseverance!)

Special thanks to his “village” of supporters, Mayo, U of M, St. Cloud Hospital, VA, Good Shepherd and Assumption Nursing Homes, and CentraCare Hospice.

Remember we “Gotta-be” all the emotions we experience because that means you’re living life to the fullest.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Nicholas Parish Cemetery

15862 County Road 165  
watkins, MN 55385

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 28. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Wenner Funeral Home - Richmond  
151 Oakwood Ave. SE  
Richmond, MN 56368

## Mass

MAR 29. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Nicholas Catholic Church  
St. Nicholas, MN

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fields of Europe for Spring* was purchased for the family of Vernon M. Schreiner.



March 28, 2023 at 10:28 PM



“ *Fields of Europe for Spring* was purchased for the family of Vernon M. Schreiner.



March 28, 2023 at 11:18 AM



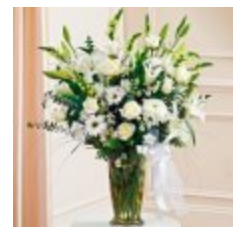
“ *Healing Tears - All White* was purchased for the family of Vernon M. Schreiner.



March 27, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *White (Large) Sympathy Vase Arrangement* was purchased for the family of Vernon M. Schreiner.



March 27, 2023 at 11:06 AM



“ *Shades of Purple was purchased for the family of Vernon M. Schreiner.*



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March 26, 2023 at 04:18 PM



“ *Barb Wismer purchased the European Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Vernon M. Schreiner.*



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**Barb Wismer** - March 25, 2023 at 03:39 PM



“ *Sending our sympathy and prayers to Lucy and family ,may he rest in peace.*

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**Carol lahr and family** - March 24, 2023 at 07:43 PM



“ *Deepest Sympathy Lucy and your family during this difficult time. Allen & Shirley Neu*

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**Shirley Neu** - March 24, 2023 at 10:22 AM



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March 24, 2023 at 09:56 AM

GW

“ Gene And Jane Welle lit a candle in memory of Vernon M. Schreiner



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**gene and jane welle** - March 23, 2023 at 10:28 PM

CS

“ Deepest sympathies to you all. Your dad was an incredible man and true example of living God's plan. Hugs and prayers to you all during this most difficult time. Jake and Celest Stang and family

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**Celest Stang** - March 23, 2023 at 09:44 PM

MM

“ So sorry to hear about Vern. I had the pleasure of raising heifers with him back in the day. Really enjoyed working with him. Our thoughts and prayers to Lucy and the family. The Meier's Vern & Michelle

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**Michelle Meier** - March 23, 2023 at 09:41 PM

SL

Our sincerest sympathy to Lucy and family. Heaven has another angel to watch down upon us. Sending prayers and hugs to you and your family. Gene and Shirley Linn

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**Shirley Linn** - March 25, 2023 at 10:58 AM

DN

“ Absolutely beautiful words in Vern's obituary. He was always kind to me in the 30+ years I knew him and Lucy, His kind loving manner reminded me much of my father who I was very close to and miss terribly. My heart goes out to you, Lucy, and your entire family at this difficult time. Praying for you all.  
Denise Nohner

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**Denise Nohner** - March 23, 2023 at 09:02 PM

RS

“ Our families thoughts and prayers are with your family.

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**Ron Seibring** - March 23, 2023 at 07:11 PM

SN

“ Vern you will be missed.. you always had and you will always going forward have a special place in my heart. ❤️ Your smile and heart radiated every time I saw you. My heart was always warmed by your kindness and love for people. I know you will be watching from above.. I'll look for an Angel in the sky at the Rox games. You are in Gods hands the best place to be. I love you and your family.



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**Sherry Nemecc** - March 23, 2023 at 07:02 PM