

**Duane A. Daleske**, 75, of Welcome, MN, passed away peacefully on July 23, 2024, at English Rose in Edina, MN.

Duane was born August 5, 1948, in Fairmont, MN, to Arnold and Irene (Scheff) Daleske. He attended Welcome School, where he graduated salutatorian for the class of 1966. He attended U of M and Jackson Vocational School before taking over the Daleske family farm, becoming the 4th generation farmer of this land.

Duane was a proud father and his children adored him. He loved spending time with his close-knit family, while sharing the joys of farm-living and cultivating a sense of wonder in nature with them all. Every child visiting the farm knew the excitement of riding for an hour or two in the field, high up in one of his tractors, hands on the wheel, the feeling of a hard day's work underway. He enjoyed traveling, camping, appreciating nature, and was an explorer-at-heart (with walking stick in hand). Duane would be happiest hiking in the woods, with his children, then – in later years – his grandchildren in tow. He had a beautiful singing voice and shared his love of music by singing hymns & carols, harmonizing effortlessly. He encouraged his grandchildren in music and enjoyed nothing more than to sit and listen to them play, more often than not with tears running down his face. He was a “man of the Earth,” and it was an honor for him to work the land and produce life from it. He never ceased to appreciate the miracle of it.

Duane is survived by his family who he dearly loved, including daughters, **Heather** (Dirk) Kvale of Hutchinson, MN, **Emily** (Brian) Yamamoto of San Jose, CA, **Melanie** Daleske of Atlanta, GA, and son, **Duane Thomas** (Pam) Mizner of Aitkin, MN; 4 grandchildren, Benjamin (Cassandra) Kvale, Samuel Kvale, Sophie Kvale, and Adeline Kvale; 1 great-grandchild; siblings, Judy (Dick) Anderson, Shirley (Merle) Burmeister; and cherished nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his brother, Donald Daleske; parents, Arnold and Irene Daleske; and an infant granddaughter.



***Celebrating the Life of***

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**Duane A. Daleske**  
**August 5, 1948- July 23, 2024**

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# "A Life Well Lived"

*He tilled the soil with steadfast hands,  
A farmer's life, across the lands.  
With sun and rain, he knew the way,  
To coax the seeds to life each day.*

*When engines stalled or gears would grind,  
A mechanic's touch, so skilled and kind.  
He'd fix and mend, with steady grace,  
Restoring life to every place.*

*And oh, the laughter, rich and deep,  
A joy he shared for all to keep.  
His humor brightened cloudy skies,  
And brought a sparkle to our eyes.*

*A life of toil, a life of mirth,  
He blessed this world, his place of birth.  
With every laugh and every toil,  
He sowed love's seed in life's rich soil.*

*Now as we gather, hearts entwined,  
We cherish memories left behind.  
A farmer's legacy, a mechanic's art,  
And laughter's echo in each heart.*

*In fields he walked, in tools he held,  
In jokes he cracked, in joy he dwelled.  
We'll carry forth his loving spark,  
A guiding light when days are dark.*

*Rest now, dear soul, your work is done,  
Your laughter echoes like the sun.  
In hearts and hands, your spirit stays,  
A testament to your brightest days.*

To view Duane's tribute video or watch a recording of his service, please follow this QR code or visit his obituary page at [www.sinnfuneralhome.com](http://www.sinnfuneralhome.com)



In Loving Memory of

# Duane A. Daleske

**Born**

August 5, 1948

Fairmont, Minnesota

**Entered Into Rest**

July 23, 2024

Edina, Minnesota

## **Celebration of Life Service**

4:00 PM - Saturday, July 27, 2024

Sinn Family Celebration of Life Center

## **Funeral Celebrant**

Ean Sinn

## **Pianist**

Marilyn Oelke

## **Music**

A selection of beloved songs

## **Casket Bearers**

Jon Burmeister

Brian Rueth

Jarrett Rueth

Jay Burmeister

Trevor Rueth

Austin Rueth

## **Final Resting Place**

Welcome City Cemetery, Welcome, MN

***Please join Duane's family after his service for fellowship and memory sharing in the reception hall.***