

## Duane Sporrer

April 18, 1928 - July 15, 2025

Duane Sporrer, 97, of Carroll passed away on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at Iowa Lutheran Hospital in Des Moines.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 19, 2025, at St. Lawrence Church, St. John Paul II Parish, in Carroll. The Celebrant is Father Parick Behm. Music is by Jane Heithoff and Louis Meyers. Mass servers will be Hazel Clausen and Hayden Krieger. The Lector is Carin Sporrer. Gift Bearers will be Tatum Knowles and Pyper Handlos. Eucharistic Ministers are Kim Vandendreissche and Terri Heisterkamp. Casket Bearers will be Eric Reinhart, Nick Lengeling, Jaime Steinkamp, Brian Sporrer, Adam Reed, Taylor Sporrer, Anthony Bellizzi, Matt Lengeling, Ben Steinkamp, Jason Reed, Ryan Reed and Christopher Bellizzi. Burial is in the Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Carroll. Military Honors will be conducted by the Carroll American Legion.

A Visitation will be held from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Friday, July 18, 2025, at the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll, with a Prayer Service at 7:00 p.m. Additional visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m. until 9:45 a.m. on Saturday at the church.

Funeral arrangements are under the guidance of the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll and online condolences may be left for Duane's family at [www.sharpfu](http://www.sharpfu)

neral.com.

Duane Norman Sporrer was born on April 18, 1928, to William and Elsie (Joens) Sporrer in Templeton, Iowa. Duane's family moved to Carroll in 1936, where he helped his family with Sporrer's Dairy. Duane fondly remembered milking cows in the early morning hours, evening hours, and delivering milk after school. After graduating from Carroll High School in 1945, Duane worked in masonry and construction at Boje Construction and Gambles.

Duane married the love of his life, Vera, on September 30, 1950. They treasured and adored each other for 75 years of marriage.

In early 1951, Duane was drafted into the Army for the Korean War. Duane and Vera moved to Atlanta, Georgia, where he was stationed. Duane was discharged after two years and then began barber school in Des Moines, while also working at The Foundry. Duane began his barbering career in Bayard. In 1955, they returned to Carroll when he started barbering with Joe Wittry. Duane barbered until July 12, 2025. He never wanted to retire. He valued his loyal customers, because they were also his friends. He listened and learned from everyone that came into his shop.

Duane designed the plans for a new family house in Carroll and built it with the help of his father and brother, Don, in 1960. He built a house, but gave us our home.

Duane loved the stock market. For years, he would leave the barber shop every Friday night to get his standing reservation at the library for the entire week of The Wall Street Journal and Barron's newspapers. Duane was an avid reader of non-fiction only. Since October 2020, he has read 299 books through the Carroll Library.

Duane loved artwork from an early age. He made wood airplanes, took art lessons, sketched portraits, painted, and whittled wood. Duane's love of woodworking came from his love of nature. He found beauty in every plant and tree and in the grain of each piece of wood. His projects began by felling the trees, milling the logs, drying the wood and creating lasting pieces for generations.

Duane loved scenery, mainly the mountains. He especially liked to take the roads that were less traveled and basically unmaintained to get the best view of the surrounding landscape. He loved all animals to the point where his squirrels trusted him enough to eat out of the palm of his hand.

Duane was a faithful parishioner of St. Lawrence Church. Duane and Vera gave all their children a Catholic education from St. Lawrence and Kuemper High School.

Duane's family was everything to him. He adored and respected his mother and father, and he valued his brothers. His life was an example for his children, especially by leading with his love for our mother. He inspired his grandchildren through his character. He had a way about him that the little ones were drawn to him and the older ones looked up to him. Duane spoke gently, listened intently and loved quietly. Duane and Vera's love have touched the lives of many.

This well-loved man will be greatly missed by his wife of 75 years, Vera; children: Rhonda (Don, deceased) Reinhart; Vicky (Ron) Lengeling; Jim (Jaynie) Sporrer; Roxane (Bill) Reed; Lisa (Rich) Schenkelberg; and Jodi (Tony) Bellizzi; 24 grandchildren, 37 great-grandchildren, 2 step great-grandchildren; brother Larry Sporrer; brother and sisters-in-law Kay Heisterkamp, Judy (Tex) Adams, Shirly Fleskes; and many nieces and

nephews.

Duane was preceded in death by his daughter, Renee Steinkamp; parents, William and Elsie Sporrer, father and mother-in-law Ed and Anna Fleskes; brother Don (Penny) Sporrer; sons-in-law Mark Steinkamp and Don Reinhart; sisters and brothers-in-law Annette (Bob) Oswald, Pat (Tex) Sturm, Jack Fleskes, and Butch Heisterkamp.

# Tribute Wall

AA

“ Architectural A. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Duane Sporrer.

Architectural A. - July 22, 2025 at 08:54 AM

JT

“ Jason And Susan Teter-Lord lit a candle in memory of Duane Sporrer



Jason and Susan Teter-Lord - July 20, 2025 at 11:20 AM

JT

I send prayers to Duane's family. He was a WONDERFUL barber. My husband has MS. Didn't even bother Duane. He just kept my husband talking, and that took my husband's tremors down. He was a smart cookie. RIP...you so richly deserve a rest.

Jason and Susan Teter-Lord - July 20, 2025 at 11:25 AM

VD

“ Sympathy to all the family .



Vickie Duff - July 19, 2025 at 01:15 PM

ML

“ *What a good man! So sorry for your deep loss. I wanted to attend his wake or funeral but I don't need to share my summer cold with his devoted family members. I smile to remember that Emmett didn't trust just anyone to cut his pretty hair! I hope that makes you smile, too.*

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**Mary Anne Lahr** - July 18, 2025 at 04:39 PM

SR

“ *Sherry, Tom, Karen & Robyn planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Duane Sporrer.*

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**Sherry, Tom, Karen & Robyn** - July 18, 2025 at 12:05 PM

SH

“ *SherryCaventer lit a candle in memory of Duane Sporrer*



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**SherryCaventer** - July 18, 2025 at 12:02 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Duane Sporrer.*



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July 18, 2025 at 11:25 AM

TF

“ The Mausser Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Duane Sporrer.



The Mausser Family - July 18, 2025 at 11:17 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Duane Sporrer.



July 18, 2025 at 09:35 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Duane Sporrer.

July 18, 2025 at 09:35 AM

ME

“ Mai E. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Duane Sporrer.

Mai E. - July 18, 2025 at 09:19 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Duane Sporrer.

July 18, 2025 at 07:46 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Duane Sporrer.*



July 18, 2025 at 07:46 AM



“ *Your Audiology Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Duane Sporrer.*

**Your Audiology Family** - July 18, 2025 at 12:18 AM



“ *Your Audiology Family purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Duane Sporrer.*

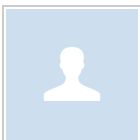


**Your Audiology Family** - July 18, 2025 at 12:18 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Duane Sporrer.*

July 17, 2025 at 10:34 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Duane Sporrer.*



July 17, 2025 at 10:34 PM

TH

“ I am fortunate and I am extremely blessed to have had Duane as my uncle and Godfather. Many years ago Uncle Duane made me a nativity stable. The pieces of wood are so delicate and the stable well designed. His woodworking craft is amazing. Forever I will treasure this piece of his work. Every Christmas will be a fond memory of Duane. 💕💕

Terri Heisterkamp - July 17, 2025 at 10:02 PM

KB

What a very nice man . Prayers Terri.

Kim Boeckman - July 20, 2025 at 11:42 PM

KP

“ Kim and Ron Pohlman purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Duane Sporrer.



Kim and Ron Pohlman - July 17, 2025 at 06:33 PM

LF

“ Larry & Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Duane Sporrer.



Larry & Family - July 17, 2025 at 05:43 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Duane Sporrer.



July 17, 2025 at 04:40 PM



“ Our deepest Sympathy to the Family of Duane , our hearts and prayers are with you all at this sad time.Keeping you all in our hearts, and may the love you have for Duane. Outweigh the sorrow you are feeling today. Sending love and hugs . Danny & Mary Ann Moore and Family..❤️

Mary Ann (Bolster) Moore - July 17, 2025 at 12:03 PM



Thank you MaryAnn for your beautiful words, our whole family is thinking of you and sharing your sorrow too for the loss of Fran, hugs my special friend❤️❤️

Sherry Sporrer Caventer - July 18, 2025 at 04:20 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Duane Sporrer.



July 17, 2025 at 10:31 AM

ML

“ Merim and Laurie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Duane Sporrer.

Merim and Laurie - July 17, 2025 at 10:02 AM

ML

“ Merim and Laurie purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Duane Sporrer.



Merim and Laurie - July 17, 2025 at 10:02 AM

BB

“ We are thinking of you at this time of your loss . Praying 🙏 for your family ! Bob and Vickie Boes

Bob and Vickie Boes - July 16, 2025 at 09:12 PM

BB

“ Bob And Vickie Boes lit a candle in memory of Duane Sporrer



Bob and Vickie Boes - July 16, 2025 at 09:08 PM

JH

“ I'm so sorry to see this. Duane was a great person - always kind. Hugs to Vera and the whole family.

Jeanne Hammen - July 16, 2025 at 07:52 PM

KB

“ Vera and family. Duane was so nice. My prayers.



Kim Boeckman - July 16, 2025 at 07:33 PM

VW

“ Vera, Lisa, Taylor, Vicki and family- so sorry for your loss. Duanne was such a kind man and I always enjoyed visiting with him. Treasure all your memories.

Vickie Warnke - July 16, 2025 at 02:36 PM

T.

“ T.Ckark lit a candle in memory of Duane Sporrer



T.Ckark - July 16, 2025 at 02:18 PM

BH

Karen and I EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY. A great guy and some we valued for honesty and great character. What a guy.

bill and karen Hess - July 17, 2025 at 07:24 PM

SH

Vera, Rhonda, Vicky, (Renee in Heaven), Roxanne, Lisa, Jim, Jodi - I have no words to express how sad I am and how broken hearted I am for all of you and our family, losing Uncle Duane. He was such a warm, caring, loving man. Just like Grandma Elsie. The world was a better place with him here. Thankful and blessed to have him in our lives all these years. Hugs and love to all of you, Sherry and family

SherryCaventer - July 18, 2025 at 12:01 PM

SB

*Vicky, Ron, and family, you are in our thoughts and prayers and extend sympathy at this time. Cherish all the great memories as a family.*

*Ken and Sue Barney, Lake View*

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**Sue Barney** - July 21, 2025 at 10:38 AM