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Donald Carl Griebenow

Age: 69

Sep 28, 2005

SERVICES: Visitation Saturday from 11:30 a.m. until the 12:30 p.m. service at the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Babbitt. The Rev. Charles Barnes will officiate. Memorials are preferred and can be directed to the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Babbitt. To share a personal remembrance of Don online, please see: www.baumanfuneralhome.com. Family services provided by Kerntz Brothers, a Bauman Family Funeral Home in Ely.

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Donald Carl Griebenow, 69, of Babbitt, formerly of Rochester, Minn., died Monday, Sept. 26, 2005, at St. Mary's Medical Center in Duluth.

He was born April 8, 1936, in Grand Meadow, Minn., the son of Carl and Clara (Ewert) Griebenow and grew up in the Rochester area. After graduating from Rochester High School, he worked at IBM in Rochester. He married Beverly Albrecht, they raised their family in Pine Island, Minn., and later divorced. On Sept. 9, 1989, he married Shirley Oreck and in 2000 they retired to Babbitt. He worked as the property manager of Waters of Vermilion in Tower.

Don was a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Babbitt, served on the church council and was a member of its Men in Mission. He was a member of the Babbitt Conservation Club and served on the Babbitt Planning and Zoning Committee. Don's first love was his family. He passes on his love of nature to his children and grandchildren. Our hearts ache for the loss of this kind and giving father, husband and friend. He has left us too soon.

Don is survived by his wife, Shirley; daughters, Lynda (Kathleen) Griebenow of Minneapolis, Brenda (Craig) Reichel of Stewartville, Minn., and Kathleen (Brian) Houdek of Rochester; sons, Mike (Carrie) of Lake City, Minn., Brian (Angie) of Kokomo, Ind., Brad (Debbie) of Twin Bridges, Mont., Kevin (Terry) of Pine Island and Steve (Yvonne) Oreck of New Richmond, Wis.; 13 grandchildren; brother, Dale (Geraldine) of Rochester; sister, Miriam Jacobson of Grand Meadow; and a host of friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Jean Ellinghuysen; and a sister in infancy.

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