



Willis Henry Duininck

January 12, 1935 - August 8, 2018

Services for Willis Henry Duininck will take place at 2 p.m., Monday, August 13, 2018 at the Rhema Bible Church Sanctuary. Burial will follow at Memorial Park Cemetery. Friends may visit the funeral home on Sunday from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with family there to receive visitors from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Willis was born on Saturday, January 12, 1935 in Prinsburg, Minnesota to Henry and Cora (Strootman) Duininck. Willis passed away on Wednesday, August 8, 2018 at the age of 83.

Willis graduated from high school at Western High School in Iowa and went on to attend Calvin College. He enlisted in the United States Army and served his country until his honorable discharge. Willis was an owner and partner in Duininck Companies. He served as the President of the National Asphalt Pavers Association. He was an entrepreneur and community leader.

Willis met Joan Lois Venema at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan and married her there on June 22, 1957. Their union was blessed with four sons. Willis was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He adored his family and friends and loved spending time with them.

In his free time, Willis loved fishing and hunting in Canada, snow skiing and spending time outdoors. He enjoyed traveling and exploring new destinations. Willis loved the Lord and supported Christian ministries and missions all his life. He loved people and never met anyone he didn't like.

Willis is survived by,

Wife, Joan Duininck, Rapid City, SD

Children, Guy and Michele Duininck, Tulsa, OK

Mitchell and Leah Duininck, Tulsa, OK

Joseph and Amy Duininck, Tulsa, OK

Grandchildren, Luke Duininck, Emily Hutchinson, Andrew Duininck, Hans Duininck, Hanna Rachel, Grace Duininck, Samuel Duininck, Anna Ferretti, Catherine Duininck, Levi Duininck, Willem Duininck and Cora Duininck

Sister Shirley Marcus of Prinsburg, Minnesota, brothers Curtis Duininck,

Grapevine, Texas and Norman Duininck, Prinsburg, Minnesota

Willis was preceded in death by his parents and son, Kelly.

Memorials may be made to Masters Touch Ministries, Box 35543, Tulsa, OK 74127, www.GuyDuininck.com; Rhema Bible Training College, 1025 W.

Kenosha, Broken Arrow, OK 74021, www.rbtc.org; In His Image International, 7501 Riverside Parkway, Tulsa, OK 74136, www.inhisimageinternational.org;

Uttermost Ministries, 9030 E. 101st St., Tulsa, OK 74133, www.uttermostministries.org.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Park Cemetery

5111 S. Memorial Dr.
Tulsa, OK 74145
(918) 627-0220
<http://memorialparktulsa.com>

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 12. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Hayhurst Funeral Home
1660 South Elm Place
Broken Arrow, OK 74012
(918) 258-9623
hayhurstfuneralhome@gmail.com

Viewing

AUG 12. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

AUG 13. 2:00 PM (CT)

Rhema Bible Church
1025 W. Kenosha Street
Broken Arrow, OK

Tribute Wall



“ *Willis Henry Duininck*

October 23, 2023 at 01:21 AM



“ *Mike Acott & NAPA Staff purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Willis Henry Duininck.*



Mike Acott & NAPA Staff - September 13, 2018 at 09:31 AM

BA

“ I have been thinking of what to say and how to say it ever since I heard of the death of Will.



It is hard to put into words what the entire world should hear about the amazing, generous, kind, best of the best people; Willis and Joan Duinick! Anyone who has ever had the honor of meeting them can feel in their heart the inspiration that they leave you with.

What an exciting honor it was having them over for a dinner! They were the perfect guests in every way - they always brought our favorite candy, Will would say a special prayer before eating, they loved whatever you made. After dessert, Will would always make a statement like, "What time is breakfast served in the morning?" He was always smiling and so witty. He made everyone feel like they were the only ones around; he was a true Christian in every way. We will miss you so much, Will!

And your beautiful and awesome wife, Joan! She will miss you so much; you both were the perfect team on earth in every way! We love you so much Joan! Please call when we can get together! It would mean the world to me!! You are so special!

Thank you for everything you have given to everyone on earth, Willis! Much much love and prayers to all!!

Betty and Jim Adelman

Betty Adelman - August 30, 2018 at 02:23 PM

JH

“ We were so saddened to hear of Mr. Duininck's passing. Condolences to you, Mrs. Duininck and all the family, and blessings for peace and healing. You both were such a blessing to the Rapid City Christian School "family". Always enjoyed seeing him at the games! He was such a kind and generous man. Dave & Jane Heard



Jane M Heard - August 18, 2018 at 06:04 PM

KG

“ Keith Glesne lit a candle in memory of Willis Henry Duininck



Keith Glesne - August 13, 2018 at 04:08 PM

KO

“ What an honor to read all of his family's thoughts and memories. He will missed by all.
I have had the privilege of cutting his hair for the last 25 years or so. Lately,now and then he would pop into my head, and I wondered why I haven't seen him this summer. Now I know. He shared his life and stories, both joyful and sorrow. You can't get by in life without both. I'll miss his smile and a good hig as he left my salon. See you on the other side...
Hugs,
Kristi

kristi ochsner - August 13, 2018 at 01:46 PM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Willis Henry Duinck.*



August 13, 2018 at 10:36 AM



“ *The Ellingson's purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Willis Henry Duinck.*



The Ellingson's - August 13, 2018 at 10:12 AM

LD

“ Yesterday evening 8-8-18 at 6:20 pm Willis Henry Duininck stepped from earth into heaven and into the arms of Jesus!

Dad was encircled by family and holding the hand of his beautiful bride of 61 years!

What a glorious reunion he must have had with his son Kelly.

Our hearts are heavy with grief and sadness at our loss but we are amazed at the mercy and goodness of God in this past year. What a sacred beautiful gift to walk with someone as they journey home!

I have never met a man with as much room in his heart for others! A man so full of wisdom, purpose, vision and generosity! “Dad”, “Grandpa” to everyone in his life, left behind a legacy of wisdom, truth, goodness, and Jesus!!

Everyone who met him walked away better!

This amazing man will be greatly missed, we will all stand on the hope and promise of being together again soon.

I can still hear him say “ I love you Mrs Duininck” 💕💕



Leah Duininck - August 13, 2018 at 08:56 AM

PJ

“ So much love, respect, and admiration for this wonderful man and his family.

Willis, Joan, and their sons and family have joyfully been a part of my life for many years now. Blessed friends, who cheer you on, and treat you like family. Willis was always, consistently kind and gracious to me. When my own father went to Heaven, and returning to Tulsa, I was able to stay and visit with Will and Joan, and others of their family were also there this particular occasion in Texas. It was comforting to be with them, and in the presence of this wise and warm father, Will.

In recent years, I've enjoyed their fellowship, bdays and anniversary celebrations, so much fun and so blessed to have come. Coming into church and seeing Will and Joan there, smiling warmly, excited to see me, and always giving a big hug. I will miss his smiles, but thankful I will see them again one day.

There is so much more to this awesome person, Will, we thank God for his presence in our lives and the goodness of God that flowed out from him. I am honored and thankful to have known him and to have been a partaker of that goodness. I love and value you his family so very much. With love and prayers, Your friend, Pamela J.
1Thess. 4:13-18

Pamela Johnson - August 12, 2018 at 11:15 PM

RV

“ Dear Joan and family---my heart goes out to all of you as you are grieving Will and remembering all of the very special times you all had together as well as his very important influence on your lives. I know that our loving and faithful God will take your hearts and hands and hold you close as you are now starting another part of your life's journey. So thankful with you for a life so well lived to the glory of God. I wish I could be with you for the service tomorrow but will be holding you in prayer from here in GR and praying that you will be blessed and comforted in awesome ways. My Love and care,
Roie Vroon

Rosemary Vroon - August 12, 2018 at 06:24 PM

SD

“ 2 Timothy 4:7-8 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.... As I reflect back on the life of my grandpa, I know that he lived his life daily with the ultimate goal of one day being able to stand before the throne of God and say these words. Yes, it extremely sad and heartbreaking to know the my grandpa is gone but the reality is that he is in a place now that we all long to be.

Grandpa exemplified the love of Christ to the fullest. His reach and love reached everyone he was around and no one left his presence without being changed or feeling loved.

As I hug the necks of family, friends, and my Grammy, it is evident that we all handle life events such as these so very different. But I have never been so happy as I am now sitting and reflecting with all of them on the impacts grandpa had Amon all of us. We share laughs, smiles and tears but the joy truly comes knowing we will be with him again one day.

My Grammy told me as I was hugging her neck and crying that “Grandpa was so proud of the man I was and was becoming. And that I reminded him so much of Uncle Kelly”. At that moment I realized why God had allowed me to work for, live with, and take care of grandma and Grampa for the last 3 years. And now as he leaves this earth he is again with him!

*Soon and very Soon!
I love you Grampa!*



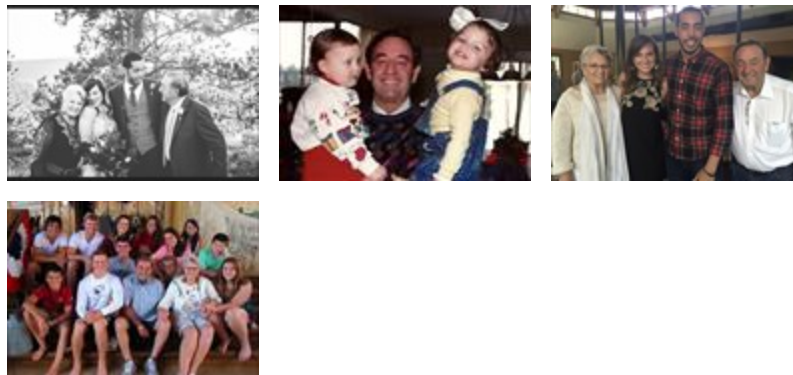


Sam Duininck - August 12, 2018 at 02:25 PM

HR

“Blessed are all who fear the Lord, who walk in obedience to him. You will eat the fruit of your labor; blessings and prosperity will be yours.”

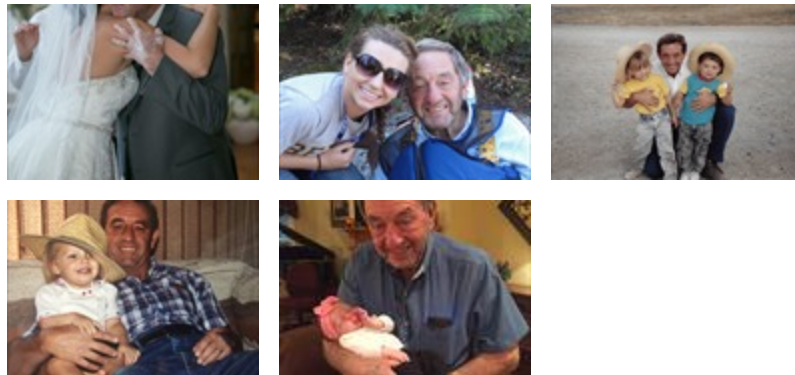
This man was a true example of Psalms 128:1-2, all the way to his final breath. His soul purpose was to live by the leading of the Holy Spirit, resulting in a life rich in love, joy, and peace. He never met a stranger and anyone who knows him will speak of his amazing wisdom and generosity. I don't think we will ever know the scope of impact that he had on people's lives, but I am confident that this world is a better place because of the legacy of his life. He will be greatly missed but we can celebrate knowing that he is most likely busy dancing on the streets of heaven.



hanna rachel - August 12, 2018 at 02:17 PM



“ It’s hard to even know what to say. I honestly never imagined a life without him. He was a constant in so many people’s lives. Even though we are so sad, we are incredibly happy knowing he is with Jesus and dancing with Uncle Kelly! The legacy he has left literally spans the world. He never met anyone he didn’t like and no one could leave his presence without feeling loved and being changed. He has left a huge hole in my life, but I know I will see him again.



Emily Hutchinson - August 12, 2018 at 01:45 PM

HD

“ Grandpa Willis got upgraded to Heaven on 8/8/18. He was known by many names. Grandpa, Dad, and Señor Willy were just a few. Everyone lucky enough to know him was blessed by his Wisdom and Generosity. He used his gifts to make the world a better place and further the Kingdom. Those that he leaves behind will continue to do so, in large part due to his impact on us. Excited to see him again!



Hans Duinick - August 12, 2018 at 01:29 PM

AW

“ As I try and do a little work here at the golf course on a beautiful morning, I find myself thinking more about you and your family. When I was given the news of your passing it didn't sink in right away, as all I felt was numb. It took only a few hours to hit me head on, as I watch our little girl running around the backyard naked as a jaybird. I snap a quick picture as I've done many times and realize the person that I send these to first is no longer with us.

Many memories have ran through my head the past few days. From the time you smashed out the front window of a D-8 dozer with that noggin of yours. Perched high up in the seat, toothpick in place, with blood trickling down your face. You gave us that Willis chuckle and said "wow guys she really started buckin on me" as we let out a sigh or relief.

Or the time when you call me for a little "help" with getting your mower unstuck up at the house. I stroll in to see you sitting in one of two well placed lawn chairs in front of the garage, toothpick in place. After we chat and solve the worlds problems for what had to be an hour we get back to the mission of rescuing this lawn mower. We walk over and I see this John Deere half way down a very steep slope, only thing saving it was a rock just as big as the mower itself. You gave me a wink, chuckle and a nudge and say "lets just keep this between the two of us".

I will always remember the countless encounters I've had with the many people you have impacted including myself. They describe a man with unwavering faith, kindness, joy, love, compassion and the biggest heart around. All I could do was nod my head, agree, and smile because you embodied each and ever one of these.

Seeing your face light up with excitement and love when you talked about Joan, your children and grandchildren and how lucky you were to have each and every one of them still makes me smile. I know they all feel like they are the lucky ones as do I. I'll never forget the time spent on the front porch and our little girl calling you

Papa Will, that moment absolutely melted my heart.

*You are a very loved man and will be missed every single day Willis.
Sending lots of love, thoughts and prayers.*

-Adam, Abby and Miss Fin

Adam Wortman - August 12, 2018 at 10:47 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Willis Henry Duininck.



August 11, 2018 at 08:34 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket* was purchased for the family of Willis Henry Duininck.



August 11, 2018 at 08:16 PM

BT

“ Mark & I have such wonderful Memories of first meeting Will & Joan in 1979. They were always so Gracious to us! They opened their beautiful home in Prinsburg, MN where we had Awesome Bible Studies. We were so impressed & impacted by Willis love for Jesus & how he openly displayed his love & affection for his family & people in general! Many lives were impacted by the Word of God & Power of Holy Spirit because of their Obedience...when it wasn't popular to be part of the "Word of Faith" Movement. We are forever Grateful for their Love & Support.
Surrounding your Family with lots of Love & Prayer
Mark & Brenda Thomas

Brenda Thomas - August 11, 2018 at 04:09 PM

MJ

“ I don't really know how to express how much respect I have for Willis.

I met him and Joan when I was just 16 years old or so. I ended up working at Hart Ranch Development Company for many years. I remember many times listening to meetings that Willis was a part of and how he would say nothing for so long while the other person or people talked and talked and talked. When he would finally say something, it was kind, to the point and so direct and truthful that there didn't seem to be a need to say anything more. I learned from Willis that listening is a powerful tool in dealing with people in business or personal life.

I am so blessed to have known Willis and look forward to seeing him again in heaven. He is one of my biggest heroes.

Melita (Carpenter) Jones

Melita Jones - August 11, 2018 at 12:17 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Willis Henry Duininck.*



August 11, 2018 at 11:54 AM



“ *Bloomington Offsite - Midwest Outdoor Resorts purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Willis Henry Duininck.*



Bloomington Offsite - Midwest Outdoor Resorts - August 11, 2018 at 11:44 AM

MK

“*Jeanie and I will never forget the year we decided to take our two daughters to Custer, SD for a New Year's trip. They were 7 and 5 years old. Our intent was to go see the "Big Heads" (Mt. Rushmore) and just get away some place different for the holidays. We attended a little church in Custer, SD, and when it was offering time the Pastor asked who would volunteer to take up the offering. This man raised his hand and the Pastor said "Okay, thank you Willis". When Will stood up I said to Jeanie "I think that's my cousin Willis Duinick". I stood up and said "You're my cousin Will. My mom and your mom are sisters". To which Will replied. Yes they are and yes I am. Well, after interrupting the offering, we sat down and enjoyed the rest of the service. Afterward we all met up and Will invited us to his, as he called it, little cabin in the woods. What a wonderful plan God had for that eventful meeting. We also got to see my Aunt Cora. A blessing for all of us and especially our two little girls at the time. They still remember and reminisce about that great event. So thankful for Will and Joan and the kindness and friendship we enjoyed even more fully after that meeting in Custer, SD. God bless the entire family. Our love extends to you all.*

Mark Kunerth - August 11, 2018 at 10:21 AM



“*Grande Gourmet Fruit Basket was purchased for the family of Willis Henry Duinick.*



August 11, 2018 at 10:18 AM

JC

“ We learned of Willis passing away yesterday and I cried! I cried because this sick old world needs him, because you all..., especially you Joan, have such a great loss but also because of the beauty of God’s plan. Willis is in the presence of God with all of those who have gone on before. We are so blessed to be joint heirs with Jesus. I am reminded of the seasons of life. We met you all when we (our family) were in the summer of our lives. The sun was shining most everyday and our young seedlings were beginning to blossom. Joan, you and Will were like Miracle Gro in our lives in those days. You helped our fledgling music group bloom and I remember Will saying he wanted to “facilitate” our endeavors! And that you did! From early beginnings at Hart Ranch to the arena, to the little house on highway 16, to times shared in the big house in Rapid City, to helping our young adults have good summer jobs at the park, golf course, and up at the big house for 7 summers! I cannot express how much you two blessed us! Thank you!!! I remember we would sometimes close a concert singing “if we never meet again this side of heaven, I will meet you on that beautiful shore!” I look to the day when we will all be together again, gathered around the throne... where there is no more crying or sorrow or tears! What a glorious day that will be! We grieve with you all today and send you our love and prayers for the days ahead! We know the peace of God will bring you all comfort! We love you Joan ..., we will keep looking up to him who is the author and finisher of our faith ! Love to you all from us all... Mike and Jan Carpenter and family

jan caroebter - August 11, 2018 at 01:48 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Willis Henry Duininck.



August 10, 2018 at 11:15 PM

DF

“ *Don & Rosemary Jablonsky & Family purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Willis Henry Duininck.*



Don & Rosemary Jablonsky & Family - August 10, 2018 at 10:05 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Willis Henry Duininck.*



August 10, 2018 at 09:43 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Willis Henry Duininck.*



August 10, 2018 at 08:38 PM

HH

“ 8 files added to the album Photos



Hayhurst Funeral Home - August 10, 2018 at 02:45 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Willis Henry Duininck.



August 10, 2018 at 02:19 PM

AV

“ Thanks for serving

A VETERAN - August 10, 2018 at 12:06 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Willis Henry Duininck.



August 10, 2018 at 12:04 PM

“ It has always appeared to me that Willis was a great husband. Though I know Joan well, I cannot speak to that. Willis has been a great father. Though I know Kelly and Joe, Mitch and Guy, I cannot speak to that. Willis has been a great, rather stellar, grandpa. Though I know them all, I cannot speak to that either.

What I can speak to is that Willis has been a great man in my life, regardless of his position on the food chain around the Duininck Co. or Hart Ranch.

Willis, you are the Krispy Kreme's of men. You are to men what Krispy Kreme's are to donuts. You are the sweetest and the best. I will never forget standing with you in the golf shop at Hart Ranch telling you that I was about to be a father. You told me about finding out about Joan being pregnant with Guy, and how you found out I think driving in a car through the south. Then you said, “it just makes you be the person you were probably supposed to be anyway.” Drop mic.

I remember when we were discussing banning alcohol on the golf course. I asked whether or not we have any issue with our current homeowners. Fluidly you responded “If they bought on the strength of drinking on the Golf Course, then they would have to sell on that same strength.” Drop mic.

I could write here all day about Willis, but I'm starting to have a little trouble seeing the screen.

I am so proud to be a Willis Duininck fan.

Craig A. Hatch

Craig Hatch - August 10, 2018 at 11:04 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Willis Henry Duinick.*



August 10, 2018 at 09:52 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Willis Henry Duinick.*



August 10, 2018 at 12:12 AM

LG

“ I wanted to send my love and condolences to everyone in the Duininck family. May God comfort each of you as only He can. I wanted to share the very first time I met Willis. I was about 18 and working down at the Hart Ranch Resort in the maintenance shop. Will came down to get his propane bottles filled. One of the guys filled the tanks, and I was supposed to write out the ticket. I did not know who Will was, and I remember needing to ask him how to spell "Duininck". He had a twinkle to his eyes and he kindly talked with me. He asked me if I liked working at Hart Ranch, if I liked the Black Hills, and other very kind questions. I had to put an address down, and when he said "Wrangler Road" I started connecting the dots. He was so genuinely kind and sincere. After Will left, and my supervisor said "Do you know who that was?", I realized I was my chipper oblivious self to which he had zero ego or any condescending attitude. What a great way to meet your boss! I learned to know Will better and I always enjoyed him. He laughed easily and often yet he could get to the heart of any issue in a few short questions. Will always treated me fairly and kindly. As we spent more time with both Will and Joan, I saw him as a friend and not an employer. That's the way he treated everyone. He was a very generous person. He gave more than he took in every way. And as our families continued to work together and fellowship, I valued Will's wisdom and his gifting with people. I will forever remember the way Will's face would light up when he would see a friend. And then what some would call a greeting, always felt more like a blessing... Will had a very unique way of putting his hand on the back of your head when he hugged you... and you felt a blessing in his greeting. Will was a man that knew God and he was a genuine gentleman. I am grateful to have worked for him and called him my friend.

All my love,
Leah (Carpenter) Greuel

Leah (Carpenter) Greuel - August 09, 2018 at 07:43 PM



“ *InHarvest, Inc. purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Willis Henry Duinck.*



InHarvest, Inc. - August 09, 2018 at 04:33 PM



“ *Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Willis Henry Duinck.*



August 09, 2018 at 04:30 PM



“ *Heavenly Sentiments Spray was purchased for the family of Willis Henry Duinck.*



August 09, 2018 at 04:02 PM



“ *It is our honor and privilege to serve the Duinck family and to provide this permanent tribute website in memory of Willis.*



Hayhurst Funeral Home - August 09, 2018 at 10:47 AM