



Stuart A. Sell

April 23, 1957 - October 31, 2021

Stuart Arno Sell was born April 23, 1957 to Arno and Leona (Gillespie) Sell in North Platte, Nebraska.

He grew up in the Chester, Nebraska area where he was baptized on May 19, 1957 and confirmed on May 30, 1972 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Chester. He attended St. John's Lutheran School through the 6th grade and graduated from Chester-Hubbell High School in 1975.

On July 20, 1985 he married Charlotte Gerdes. To this union three children were born: Anna, Jerrod, and Conrad.

In 1997 he decided to pursue his lifelong calling to ministry. He received his Master's of Divinity from Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa in 2001. He was ordained into the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America on June 23, 2001 at Christ's Lutheran Church in Davenport, Nebraska.

During his time as a pastor, he served congregations in Bancroft and DeSmet, South Dakota, and Niobrara, Lindy, Hartington, and Bruning, Nebraska. He officiated 51 weddings, 142 Funerals, 100 baptisms, and 83 confirmations.

He thoroughly enjoyed his role as "Papa" and was looking forward to the birth of two new grand babies in 2022.

After a hard, well fought battle with pancreatic cancer, he departed this life on October 31, 2021 at Blue Valley Lutheran Home in Hebron, Nebraska at the age of 64.

He was preceded in death by his father, Arno Sell and niece, Alana Elting.

He is survived by his wife, Charlotte of Davenport, Nebraska; Anna Elting and husband Reuben of Davenport; Jerrod Sell and fiancée Yaroslava Gubareva of Moscow, Russia; Conrad Sell and wife Chelsea of Strang, Nebraska; grandchildren Rexton, Raylan, and Rory Elting.

He is also survived by his mother, Leona Sell of Chester, Nebraska; sister, Beckie Thomas of Hebron, Nebraska; sister, Susan (Scott) Elting of Hebron; brother, David (Sue) Sell of Humphrey, Nebraska; sister, Wendy (Michael) Wesnofske of Bridgehampton, New York; uncle, Terry (Pat) Powell of Griffin, Georgia; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

A Celebration of Life was held on Saturday, November 6, 2021 at 11am at Trinity Lutheran Church in Bruning, Nebraska. Pastor Ethan Feistner officiated the Service. Myra Kluck accompanied the congregation in the singing of "My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less" and "Softly & Tenderly." A quartet of Betty Edzards, Tim Norder, Janice Fintel and Amy Peterson provided special music with the singing of "Amazing Grace."

Honorary Pallbearers for the Service included Curt Tietjen, Haylee Williams, Jeff Joe, Dave Bruning, Rod Heinrichs, Gary Hinrichs, and Heather Ramsey.

A private family Committal of Ashes will take place at a later date.

Farmer & Son Funeral Home was in care of the arrangements and online

condolences can be left at www.farmerandsonfuneralhome.com

Memorials are suggested to the family for the benefit of a scholarship at
Wartburg Theological Seminary.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 5. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Farmer & Son Funeral Home
242 N 10th Street
Geneva, NE 68361
(402) 759-3617
<https://farmerandsonfuneralhome.com>

Celebration of Life

NOV 6. 11:00 AM (CT)

Trinity Lutheran Church
300 E Main Street
Bruning, NE 68322

Tribute Wall

GP

“ We are so sorry to learn of Stuart's passing. Greg grew up near Chester and attended St. John's with the Sell family. We have fond memories of all of them. We are holding you close in our thoughts and prayers. May your memories and the knowledge that Stuart is with our Lord and Savior, be a great comfort. He will be missed by so many who considered him a great friend.

Greg & Cammie Poppe
Hastings, NE

Greg & Cammie Poppe - November 09, 2021 at 11:27 AM

RN

“ Charlotte and family--Dave and I were so sad to learn of Stuart's illness and death. We enjoyed being your neighbors at Pulpit Rock those many years ago when your kids were little. God wrap you in love and peace as Stuart now is.

Rebecca Ninke - November 09, 2021 at 11:21 AM



“ 2 files added to the album Additional Flower



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - November 08, 2021 at 12:58 PM



“ 50 files added to the album Flower Pictures



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - November 06, 2021 at 01:21 PM

EN

“ We are so sorry. Pastor Sell was wonderful. We still miss him. We would like to be with you. We decided due to distance and being officially old to stay home. Our love and prayers are with you on this day and always. Our sincere condolences, Charles and Esther Nielsen

Esther Nielsen - November 06, 2021 at 11:32 AM

RK

“ I am shocked and saddened by this news. I worked with Charlotte at Reinke's and got to know Stuart and her quite well. My condolences to her and those who mourn Stuart's passing. I pray that you find comfort in precious memories and the promise of a heavenly reunion.

Randy Kinzler - November 05, 2021 at 07:20 AM

MO

“ Char and family, Nancy and I send our deep sympathy to you all as we hear the news of Stuart entering life eternal. I remember a hot summer day 1997 when a family with ag connections from Nebraska arrived on campus at Pulpit Rock. It was the beginning of coming to know some very fine people. Your family- each and every one- are treasured in our hearts as neighbors at WTS and friends always. Stuart was a joy in the challenging classes we shared on campus. The way Stuart lifted our hearts with his hearty laugh and steady presence was a gift to us all. He could find humor in many things- I remember our dog Spencer licking Slinky's head till it looked like it was a special spiked hair do- Stuart made us smile with his reaction. The reunions we guys had were memorable and made so much better when Stuart was able to come! He just had a way of adding to the joy of the day- not making anything about him- just being present and participating with a joyful heart. We've had a death in our family as well-our fifty year old nephew, a police Lieutenant in Maryland. We'll be attending services for him and won't be able to be with you in Nebraska. Please know you are in our hearts as we pray for the Holy Spirit to comfort you one and all as services are held and the days bring a new reality to your family. God be with you, tend to your needs and bless you now and always!
Mark and Nancy Oehlert



Mark Oehlert - November 04, 2021 at 12:04 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Stuart A. Sell.



November 03, 2021 at 10:26 AM



“ *Tranquil Seas was purchased for the family of Stuart A. Sell.*



November 03, 2021 at 09:07 AM



“ *So sorry to learn of the passing of pastor sell!! He was so appreciated at good shepherd when he served there. I attended his ordination service. He performed the wedding ceremony for our daughter, Robyn and Bill cridlin. Our love and deepest sympathy to his family.. Les and Denise Yule.*

Denise yule - November 02, 2021 at 09:33 PM



Lots of good memories from our time with you folks from Lindy.

charlotte sell - November 03, 2021 at 02:47 PM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Stuart A. Sell.*



November 02, 2021 at 03:04 PM



“ *Charlotte and family, We are so very sorry for your loss. Prayers for peace and comfort for all of you. We remember your time you spent in Bancroft. You were a blessing to us. Eugene & Mary Weerts*

Mary Weerts - November 02, 2021 at 09:47 AM

CS

You all were a blessing to us also. The congregation at Bancroft was so great at "training up" pastors (and their families). We frequently reminisce about our Bancroft days.

charlotte sell - November 03, 2021 at 11:53 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Stuart A. Sell.*



November 01, 2021 at 11:58 PM

RR

“ *I am sorry for your loss. We are holding you in prayer. As one of the new pastors' on the block, I have really appreciated the welcome I received from Stuart and the encouragement as well. He was an inspiration to many as he "fought the good fight." To all the family, I pray for God's comfort and peace and the assurance we have of eternal life in Christ.*

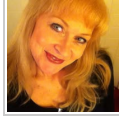
Pastor Beth Roegner (Christ's Lutheran Church, Davenport, NE/Zion Lutheran Church, Carleton, NE)

Rev. Beth Roegner - November 01, 2021 at 04:43 PM

HW

Charlotte, I am so sorry for your loss. I would tune in to Listen to Stuart's sermons on Sundays. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Heidi (Damrow) Wedel

Heidi Damrow Wedel - November 02, 2021 at 01:05 PM



Charlotte and family, I am so sorry for your loss. May you find comfort in the joy and goodness Stuart brought to many people in his life. You're all in my thoughts and prayers. Love and blessings, Brenda Faulkner Williams

Brenda Williams - November 02, 2021 at 05:02 PM

MB

“ *Marge Bedlan lit a candle in memory of Stuart A. Sell*



marge bedlan - November 01, 2021 at 03:07 PM

MB

I too would listen to his service on Sunday's. He first had my father's funeral Vernon Johnson (Nov. 2004) and then my step mother's (Lola Dirks Johnson). I enjoyed his Sunday services and prayed he would win his battle over cancer. I'm so sorry for your loss!❤️🙏 Marge Bedlan

marge bedlan - November 03, 2021 at 03:43 PM

MH

“ *Charlotte & family - so very sorry for your loss. Please know you all are in our thoughts & prayers.*



Mike & Lynne Houser - November 01, 2021 at 02:19 PM