



Julian Alroy Baas

October 20, 1937 - April 17, 2024

Julian Alroy Baas was born on October 20, 1937 to Edward and Jennie (Kromminga) Baas in Pease, MN, the oldest of four boys. Julian was part of the Milaca High School class of 1955. During his senior year, he left to work in Florida and later earned his GED. Julian worked in Florida and Minnesota for the next several years and had a son, Jeffrey Alexander with his first wife. In the early 1960's, Julian traveled to California with his brother Dan and another young man from Pease. Julian decided to stay and worked construction in California and attended Bethany Christian Reformed Church. He met Norma Jean VanderWel at the young adult Bible Study. They married on August 21, 1964.

Julian and Norma started their married life in Kalamazoo, MI. Julian worked construction and Norma taught elementary school. Their first daughter, Julie Anne was born in Kalamazoo. Julian and Norma answered the call to serve as home missionaries and moved to Rehoboth New Mexico in 1969. Edward Neil joined their growing family shortly after their arrival in NM. Janis Jean completed their family a few years later. During his time in Rehoboth, Julian worked construction and maintenance. In Oct. of 1975, he fell and severely broke his right arm which resulted in a career change. Julian and family moved to Portales, New Mexico to earn a bachelor's' degree in Industrial Arts at Eastern New Mexico University where he graduated summa cum laude. Julian later earned his master's degree in education at Minnesota State

University, Mankato.

Julian's first teaching job was in Hull, Iowa at Western Christian High School. He served there until 1986 when he moved back to California to teach at Valley Christian High School until he retired in 1999. After Norma's retirement, Julian and Norma moved to the family farm south of Pease MN in January of 2001.

Starting In New Mexico, Julian belonged to Gideons International. He passionately worked toward making God's word available to all. Julian and Norma also served with World Renew, Disaster Relief Services for many years during the winter months after their retirement. Julian continued to use his construction skills and answered the call to serve throughout his life.

All of Julian's children have items within their homes handcrafted by him. Julian spent many hours in his shop creating items such as furniture, nativity sets, and clocks. Many young people throughout the Princeton/Milaca area made Adirondack chairs at BAC2One under Julian and others' direction. His grandchildren fondly remember him letting them try their skills in the shop, working side by side.

Julian went to his eternal home on April 17, 2024. Those who preceded him in death include his parents Ed and Jennie, and his beloved wife Norma. He is survived by his children, grandchildren, and great-children. His children include: Jeffrey Baas, Joel and Julie (Baas) De Haan of Zimmerman, MN, Ed and Cindy Baas of Gallup, NM, and Jeff and Janis (Baas) Westra of Bellflower, CA. His grandchildren: Tony and Marly Droogsma, Mitchell and Ali De Haan, Toben and Amelia De Haan and Tracelyn De Haan, Kyle and Maria Westra, Preston and Kaylee Edison, Claire Westra, Chloe Westra, Chris and Jennese Guadiana, and Julianna Baas. His great-children brought him so much joy late in life, they include: Maeve and Amos Droogsma, Gerrit Westra,

and Nathaniel Guadiana. Julian will be missed by his brothers and their wives; Al and Sharon Baas, Dan and Edie Baas, and Mark and Terri Baas. He was also loved by several step-grandchildren and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews.

A celebration of life service will be held for Julian on Saturday, June 1st at Bethel Christian Reformed Church in Princeton, MN. Visitation will be at 10:00 with the service at 11:00. Memorials may be sent to Gideon's International, World Renew Disaster Relief Services, and Community Christian School in Pease, MN. In honor of Julian, ice cream will be served after the service and we ask that attendees wear a shade of blue, his favorite color.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Bethel Christian Reformed Church
8938 33rd Street
Princeton, MN 55371

Memorial Service

JUN 1. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Julian Alroy Baas.* ”



May 28, 2024 at 11:30 AM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Julian Alroy Baas.* ”



April 24, 2024 at 06:30 PM



“ *I feel so privileged to have shared a small part of Julian's legacy. When we meet again in heaven, I will recognize him by the twinkle in his eyes.* ”

Marnie - April 21, 2024 at 11:39 PM



Deepest sympathy to you Jan and your family

sharon Struiksma - April 22, 2024 at 09:39 AM

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“ Julian and Norma took care of me and my three siblings for a week or so when I was about ten, I think. They were both so loving and kind. Julian's calm and gentle voice stays with me. I also had the opportunity one summer to lay sidewalk with Julian, first in Rehoboth, then by the church in Shiprock, NM. I learned a lot from him, and I treasure those memories. - Doug W.

Doug Westendorp - April 21, 2024 at 06:26 PM