



## Arthur H. Vagts

September 26, 1940 - July 5, 2024

Arthur Henry Vagts passed away peacefully from this life to his eternal home on July 5th, 2024, at 83 years of age. Memorial Services will be held 11:00 a.m. Saturday, July 20, 2024 at Kearney Grace Church, 4305 19th Ave, Kearney, NE with Mitch Ivey officiating. Burial will be held at a later date at Pleasant Dale Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to the Pleasant Dale Volunteer Fire Department. Condolences may be shared online at [www.osrfh.com](http://www.osrfh.com). Arrangements by O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

Art was the third born of four children to Henry and Clara (Meinberg) Vagts, on September 26, 1940. He grew up on the family farm on hwy 6, outside of Pleasant Dale, NE where he attended district 45 country school as a young boy and graduated from Milford High in 1958.

After graduation Art went to tech school to be a diesel mechanic, but soon discovered his love of carpentry and chose to take that path. He built many houses in his life, four of which became family homes.

Art met Joyce Sieck in 1963 and the couple married in October of that year.

They later

bought the home place and farmland of Art's family and he farmed it until 1984.

Four children were born to Art and Joyce, Brenda, Linda, Dean and Andrew.

In 1985, after selling the farm, they moved to Kearney, NE where he continued to farm

for a short time and started Art Vagts & Sons Construction.

Art's greatest joy in life, aside from his family, was cutting firewood, for himself and for

others. He spoke of spending time in the woods up until his final days, saying

"surely God would

have him cut wood in heaven to provide warmth for all the saints" 😊.

Art and Joyce were married for 51 years, until her death in 2015.

He was a loving and godly husband and father, always guiding his family in the ways of

the Lord. Art was a gentle and steady soul, which by his example along with his wife, led many

to Jesus. He was an amazing father and kind grandpa. His legacy will live on for years to come

and he will be dearly missed.

Heaven is our hope until we are reunited.

Art was welcomed into heaven by his wife Joyce, his parents Henry and Clara Vagts,

brother Ivan and his wife LaVina, sister MaryAnn Shallenburg and brother-in-law Bill Duffy.

Those left to remember him are his children and their spouses, Brenda and Doug Kremer (Kearney, NE), Linda and Thad Blodgett (Central City, NE), Dean and Becky Vagts (Anna, TX), and Andrew and Misty Vagts (Axtell, NE), 21 grandchildren and 32 great grandchildren (3 more on the way), sister Leola Duffy (Superior, NE), brother-in-law Don Shallenberg (Fort Collins, CO), sisters-in-law Kathy Schweer (Iowa City, IA), Patty Cooley (Lemoyne, NE), Sandy D'Agastino (Chicago, IL), Rhonda Pypes (Iowa City, IA), and Mary Glaser (Omaha, NE) and numerous nieces and nephews.

Great is His Faithfulness!

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUL **20**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Grace Fellowship  
4305 19th Ave  
Kearney, NE 68845

# Tribute Wall

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“ *The Bracaglia family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Arthur H. Vagts.*



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**The Bracaglia family** - July 17, 2024 at 10:07 PM

BS

“ *Art, thanks for the great shed you built for me in the late 90s, it's still keeping my stuff safe and dry. In recent years, thanks for the good firewood. R.I.P.*

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**Brad Stephan** - July 12, 2024 at 07:34 PM

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“ *Brad S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Arthur H. Vagts.*

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**Brad S.** - July 12, 2024 at 07:30 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Arthur H. Vagts.*



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July 10, 2024 at 09:24 AM

RP

“ My life was greatly impacted by Art. His strong faith in Jesus was evident every day and his devotion and love for Joyce was inspiring 💖 He used to give me rides in his pickup truck for frequent babysitting trips. I stayed with Art and Joyce many times during my childhood and their home was always a refuge of peace and love that I realized later flowed straight from the heart of God. Their fearless proclamation of the Gospel impacted my life and all my family for generations to come 🙏

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**Rhonda Pypes** - July 09, 2024 at 09:52 PM

SD

“ Art was a righteous man who clearly loved and adored my sister Joyce. He gave her all the children and descendants that always meant so much to her. I join with all of them and mourn in the loss of Art A wonderful father and loving husband ❤️

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**Sandra DAgostino** - July 09, 2024 at 09:29 PM

JC

“ Always a treat to see Art when visiting my daughter & son-in-law, Andrew & Misty, as I live in Missouri. Luckily I got to see Art in February. He was always so laid back & wanted to help Andrew with whatever project he was working on. A kind man always smiling when looking at his grandchildren. Rest in peace Art, your job on earth is done  
Joyce Carron

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**Joyce Carron** - July 09, 2024 at 08:04 PM