



A lasting memorial has been given to Spirit of Hope Church In memory of Duane Grande

May 17, 1930 - December 30, 2017
“architect of god’s spaces”



Duane Wallace Grande was born at home on Saturday, May 17, 1930, in Ulen, Minnesota, to Alfred Jacob (AJ) and Hattie Grande, the youngest of six children. He grew up in Ulen, where he attended school and helped his parents in the family restaurant. In school, he participated in all the athletic programs, including football, baseball, and basketball. He graduated as class valedictorian from Ulen Public School.

Duane graduated with distinction from the University of Minnesota in December 1953 with a Bachelor of Architecture degree. He served at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio, where he received training as a USAF Facilities Engineering Officer. He was the Facilities Engineering Officer assigned to the

Northeast Air Command Headquarters at the United States Air Force, Pepperrell AFB, St John’s Newfoundland. He was design and construction liaison with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

On August 10, 1954, Duane married Corrine Mayer in Stewart, Minnesota. After 31 years of marriage she passed away on June 20, 1985. In 1988, Duane met Jody Friesen, and they later married on May 1, 1994; they shared their life for 29 years.

Duane was a registered Architect and Certified Interior Designer with the State of Minnesota. He had a passion for architecture and the design of spaces. His focus was on educational facilities; however, he did a wide variety of projects. Here are some of his more noted accomplishments: Benedicta Fine Arts Center, College of St Benedict; initial plans and buildings for Bethel College; Fine Arts Center at the University of North Dakota; co-authored the design and implementation for the consolidation of the lower and highland Campuses, University of Mankato; Montgomery Public Schools; Moorhead State University Fine Arts Center; Anoka County Library; Minnesota Historical Society Offices; Target Operations Center, Fridley; Evangelical Free Church of Embarrass, Minnesota.

Duane is survived by his wife, Jody; children: Christopher Grande, Deborah and Michael Schaefer, Stephen Grande, Kathy and Lorne Rosand, Timothy and Batyah Grande. Grandchildren: Travis, Elisabeth (Tom), Christopher, Morgan (Carl), Veronica (Nicholas), Walker, Spencer (Kayla), Aaron, Katherine, Cristen (David), David, Matthew, Benjamin, Zachary, Sarah (Jeremy). Great-grandchildren: Asher Thomas, Felicity Joy, Lucy Ann, Teruah, Ahavah, Zakar; and his beloved pets, Nakita, Matea, and Azanta.



