



HENRY "STUMPY" ANTHONY BECKER

March 29, 1950 - July 8, 2024

Henry "Stumpy" Anthony Becker Jr. passed away on Monday, July 8, 2024, at home surrounded by his family at the age of 74. He was born to Henry and Delores Becker on March 29, 1950, in San Diego, California. He was baptized and confirmed in the Catholic faith. Stumpy was the oldest of 6 siblings, and spent his childhood enjoying fishing, hunting, and swimming, passions which continued into adulthood. He received his lifelong nickname, "Stumpy," from childhood friends.

He graduated from Caledonia High School in 1968 and completed his auto mechanics degree from Winona Tech in 1970. After graduating, his early jobs included driving cement truck, working on the Texas pipeline, and bartending with his parents at Myron and Delores' Bar in Caledonia, before pursuing his own business endeavors.

Stumpy met the love of his life, Jackie, in 1972 and they married on October 4, 1975 in Caledonia, MN. Together, they raised a beautiful family of 6 children and built a legacy in the Rushford community and the surrounding southeast Minnesota area.

Stumpy's entrepreneurial spirit led him to establish many successful businesses. He built, owned, and operated Stumpy's Bar and Restaurant for 25 years in Rushford, Stumpy's Concessions, Becker Tree Farm, Becker

Properties, and co-owned Bluff View Campground. He had a love for Christmas trees and his dream of growing a tree farm was fulfilled in 1998, when the Becker Tree Farm was established in Peterson, MN.

Stumpy was a dedicated family man who treasured his time with his wife, family, and especially his grandchildren. He was extremely proud of his children. He never missed their sporting or school events, was actively involved in his sons' Boy Scout trips, loved taking his family on vacations, and spent many weekends with his family at Money Creek Campground.

He loved traveling with his friends to Las Vegas every year and was able to go on fishing trips to Alaska in his later years. Attending auctions, spending time at his tree farm, hunting, fishing, and playing cards were a few of his hobbies. The National Wild Turkey Federation banquet was something he looked forward to each year with his dad, brother, sons, and sons-in-law.

Stumpy was a true jokester, and always had that twinkle in his eye when giving people a hard time. He was a loyal man full of wisdom, a respected businessman, and a pillar of the community – a Rushford legend. It was a privilege to know him and an honor to receive any of his business knowledge. His family will continue to carry on his legacy.

Stumpy is preceded in death by his parents, Delores (Hosch) Burmaster, Henry Becker, Myron Burmaster; father-in-law, Maynard Welscher; sister-in-law, Jean Ann Welscher; brother-in-law, Gary Schutz; and many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Jackie (Welscher); six children: Susan (Tom) Foley, Jeanie (Greg) Kumlien, Henry (Julie) Becker, Katie (Andy) Bauer, Anna (Nathan) Baker, and Tony Becker (Amy Todd); 9 grandchildren: Alisa, Teddy, George, Jimmy, Charlie, Ellie, Evy, Emmy, and Eli; mother in-law, Mary Welscher; siblings: Bonnie (Mark) Goetzinger, Mary (Linus) Hammell, Dorothy Schutz (Greg Wilson), Mark (Cari)

Burmester, and Donna (Todd) Boutelle; siblings in-law: Jeanie (Dennis) Homewood, John (Dianne) Welscher, Joe (Nancy) Welscher, Jim (Laura) Welscher, Judy (Pat) Christian, Jan (Sandy) Welscher, Jay (Angie) Welscher, and Janice (Bob) Haxton, and by aunts, uncle, nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, cousins, and cherished friends.

A celebration of life honoring Stumpy will be held on Saturday, July 27, 2024. Visitation is from 9:00 – 11:45 am at Holy Family Hall and Funeral Mass at 12:00 pm, both located at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Caledonia, MN. Please join us for lunch at the Blue View Dairy Farm at 10008 County Rd 14, Caledonia, MN following the service to celebrate Stumpy's remarkable life. The family request that you share stories and memories and have a cold PBR or Michelob in his honor. Stumpy will be greatly missed by the many lives he touched.

The family would like to thank Valley View Health Care and Rehabilitation, Mayo Clinic Hospice, and Stumpy's lifelong primary physician, Dr. Merfeld, for their compassionate care.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 27. 9:00 AM - 11:45 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Holy Family Hall
513 South Pine St.
Caledonia, MN 55921

Mass of Christian Burial

JUL 27. 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
513 S Pine St
Caledonia, MN 55921
(507) 725-3804

A Celebration of Life

JUL 27. 1:00 PM (CT)

Welscher Family Farm
10008 County Road 14
Caledonia, MN

Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of HENRY "STUMPY" ANTHONY BECKER.*



July 25, 2024 at 10:54 PM



“ *The Nayak Family, Apple Valley planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of HENRY "STUMPY" ANTHONY BECKER.*

The Nayak Family, Apple Valley - July 25, 2024 at 10:54 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of HENRY "STUMPY" ANTHONY BECKER.*



July 24, 2024 at 01:26 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of HENRY "STUMPY" ANTHONY BECKER.*



July 24, 2024 at 01:09 PM

JL

“ Jci L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of HENRY "STUMPY" ANTHONY BECKER.

Jci L. - July 24, 2024 at 11:39 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of HENRY "STUMPY" ANTHONY BECKER.



July 23, 2024 at 09:39 AM

TB

“ The Family of Andy Bauer planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of HENRY "STUMPY" ANTHONY BECKER.

The Family of Andy Bauer - July 22, 2024 at 05:16 PM

TB

“ The Family of Andy Bauer purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of HENRY "STUMPY" ANTHONY BECKER.



The Family of Andy Bauer - July 22, 2024 at 05:16 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of HENRY "STUMPY" ANTHONY BECKER.*



July 22, 2024 at 02:12 PM



“ *Adriana Lange, Amy Dichak & Wendy Foster purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of HENRY "STUMPY" ANTHONY BECKER.*



Adriana Lange, Amy Dichak & Wendy Foster - July 22, 2024 at 01:38 PM



“ *Maribel Wehrenberg planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of HENRY "STUMPY" ANTHONY BECKER.*

Maribel Wehrenberg - July 18, 2024 at 06:21 PM



“ *Maribel Wehrenberg purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of HENRY "STUMPY" ANTHONY BECKER.*



Maribel Wehrenberg - July 18, 2024 at 06:21 PM

TH

“ Tabitha H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of HENRY "STUMPY" ANTHONY BECKER.

Tabitha H. - July 16, 2024 at 07:16 PM

RL

“ Rebecca L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of HENRY "STUMPY" ANTHONY BECKER.

Rebecca L. - July 15, 2024 at 11:30 PM

FS

“ From Clay and Katie Smither purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of HENRY "STUMPY" ANTHONY BECKER.



From Clay and Katie Smither - July 15, 2024 at 09:39 PM

DS

“ Bonnie, Welscher & Becker families: What a great loss of a great man, Stumpy! His legacy & memories live on in so many! Rest Easy, Stumpy!

Dave & Wilma Schoh - July 15, 2024 at 03:19 PM



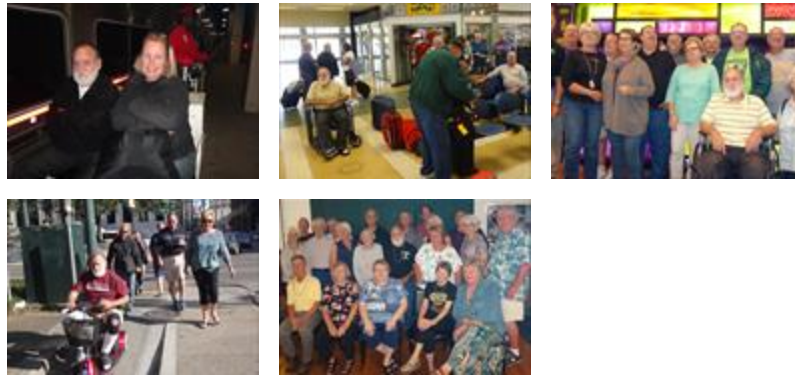
“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of HENRY "STUMPY" ANTHONY BECKER.



July 15, 2024 at 03:00 PM



“ 13 files added to the album Caledonia High School Class of 1968



Keith Myhre - July 15, 2024 at 12:47 PM



“ Mom and Duane and The Foley Family purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of HENRY "STUMPY" ANTHONY BECKER.



Mom and Duane and The Foley Family - July 14, 2024 at 06:37 PM

TC

“ *Thad, Amanda, Emma, Averie & Colton purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of HENRY "STUMPY" ANTHONY BECKER.*



Thad, Amanda, Emma, Averie & Colton - July 14, 2024 at 02:05 PM

KV

“ *Kieu oanh V. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of HENRY "STUMPY" ANTHONY BECKER.*

Kieu oanh V. - July 13, 2024 at 05:56 PM

BB

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with Jackie and the family. Jr aka Stumpy was a very special cousin. We have many wonderful memories of playing together as children, time together as adults, and him being an usher at our wedding. We will cherish those memories forever. You were special and touched the lives of many people who will miss you very much. God comfort and Bless your family now and in the days ahead. We now have another angel watching over us.*

Hugs and Love,

Barb (Mickelson) and Gary Bronson

Barb & Gary Bronson - July 12, 2024 at 02:48 PM

TF

“ *The Tauferner Family purchased the Vivid Recollections for the family of HENRY "STUMPY" ANTHONY BECKER.*



The Tauferner Family - July 12, 2024 at 09:33 AM

BP

“ *Barb Frahm & Dave Petersen planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of HENRY "STUMPY" ANTHONY BECKER.*

Barb Frahm & Dave Petersen - July 12, 2024 at 08:46 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of HENRY "STUMPY" ANTHONY BECKER.*



July 12, 2024 at 08:46 AM

JR

“ *Jake, Chloe, Owen, & George Riggle purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of HENRY "STUMPY" ANTHONY BECKER.*



Jake, Chloe, Owen, & George Riggle - July 12, 2024 at 01:33 AM