

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents; parents, Eva and Fred Sorgenfrey; step-mother, Rose; sisters, Rose and Janice; brothers, Floyd and James; brother-in-law, Dennis Leinen; sister-in-law, Barb Sorgenfrey; great-nephew, Scott Matthys; and cousins, Orvis and Lillian Burhans.



## The Sheaf of Wheat

The seeds of faith are sown in the human personality and grow into the mature faith of the Christian man or woman.

The sown seed must lose its life in order that it may develop and grow and multiply. So symbolically, a sheaf of wheat is used by Christians to mark the passing of a fellow Christian.

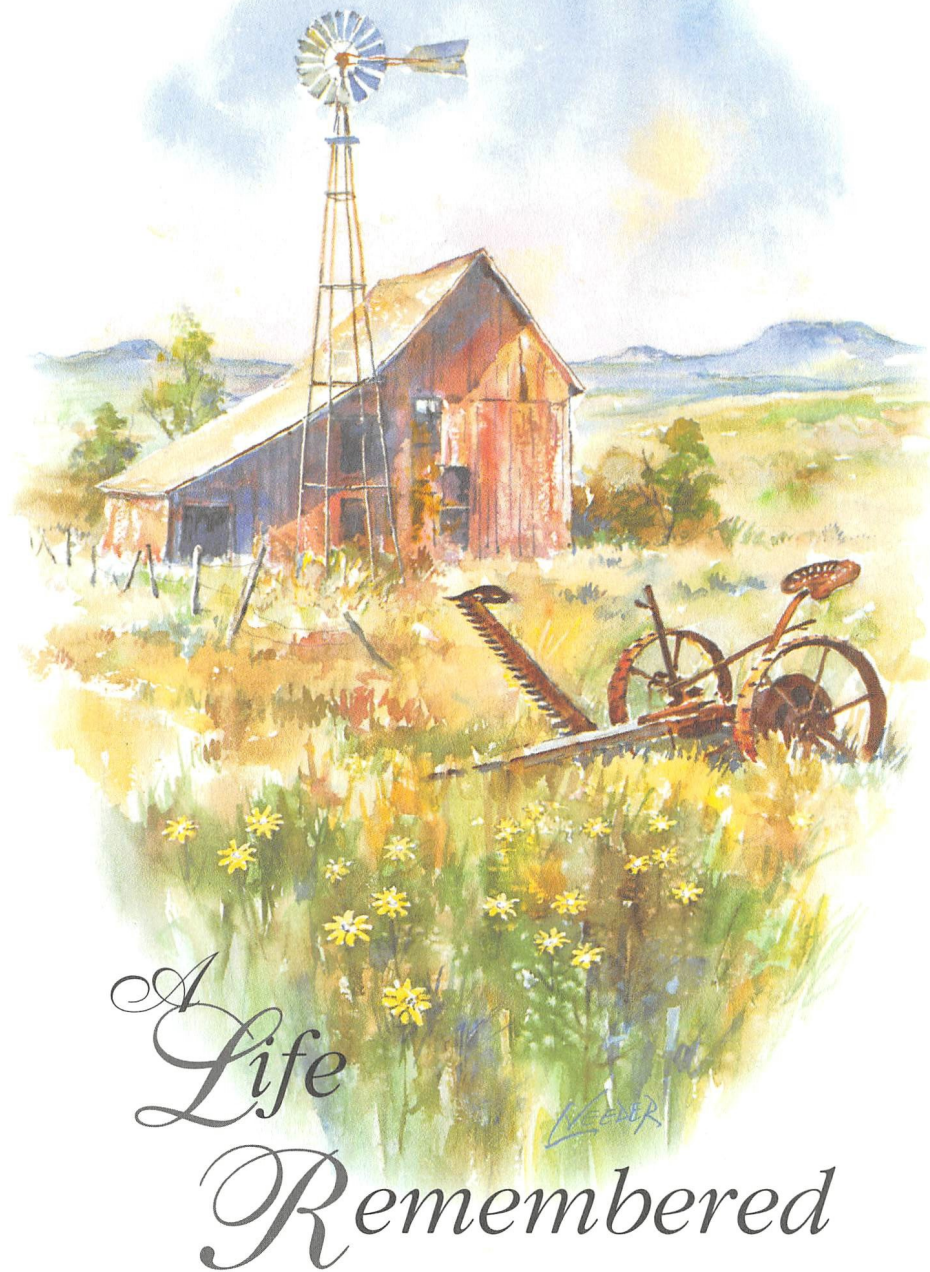
Death is not the end but the beginning of eternal life.

The mature grain in the sheaf is the direct symbol of Resurrection—the life beyond the grave, the fulfillment of the promises of Jesus Christ.



# Raymond Fred Sorgenfrey

May 25, 1926 — August 8, 2022



*A  
Life  
Remembered*

*Celebrating*  
T H E L I F E O F  
*Raymond "Ray" Sorgenfrey*

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Born: May 25, 1926 ~ Hallock, Minnesota

Died: August 8, 2022 ~ Breckenridge, Minnesota

**MEMORIAL SERVICE**

Joseph Vertin and Sons Funeral Home

Breckenridge, Minnesota

5 p.m., Monday, August 15, 2022

**PARTICIPANTS**

Pastor Carlos Huizar, Celebrant

**HONORARY PALLBEARERS**

Edward "Butch" Burhans ~ Gary Burhans ~ Don Burhans

Craig Morrison ~ Blaine Morrison ~ Leo Taylor ~ Ryan Olson

& All of Ray's Housemates, Staff, and Best Friend, Lenny

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

On Eagle's Wings ~ In The Garden ~ The Old Rugged Cross

**INTERMENT AT A LATER DATE**

St. Vincent Cemetery | St. Vincent, Minnesota

*The family wishes to express their gratitude for your kind expressions of sympathy and for honoring Ray with your presence at the service.*

Raymond, affectionately known as "Ray," was born in Hallock, MN, to Fred Sorgenfrey and Eva (Schmiedberg) Sorgenfrey on May 25, 1926. After his formal education, he worked for his grandfather on the family farm until grandpa passed away. While working with his grandpa, he prided himself in his care of the farm workhorses which were comprised of three teams with specially given names, Nig & Ned, King & Scotty, and Pearl & Babe. Ray used his teams of horses to haul ice, 3 ft x 3 ft from the Red River, to be sold for profit along with cords of wood. He then lived and went to work for Orvis and Lillian, and later, Gary and Debbie Burhans as a general laborer on their farm. He also worked at Elmer's Steakhouse in Doran, working closely with Elmer and Ray Schuster who knew Ray for dancing with anyone willing to partner up. During that time, Ray would ride his red, Kawasaki motorcycle (that only went 20 MPH) from Doran to Ottertail Lake...without a driver's license. In 1995, Ray moved into town and made his home at Park Manor. He started work with George Colvert learning the trade of beekeeping. He also mowed residential lawns in the community and worked at the Eagle's in Breckenridge.



During the Christmas holiday, he enjoyed spending time with his sister and the Burhans family. Always wishing there were more opportunities to gather, Ray always looked forward to family reunions; he was an incredible uncle and took pride in watching his nieces and nephews grow up. He could typically be seen wearing his signature, rainbow suspenders. Ray and his closest friend, Lenny Shereck, enjoyed many adventures off the beaten path. Together they loved playing cards together, swimming, collecting souvenirs for one another, and playing bingo.

Left to cherish his memory are his nieces, Vicky (Ron) McFaul of Prescott, AZ, and their children, Kimberly (Ryan) Olson, Eric (Erinn) Bladow, and Daphne (Leo) Taylor; niece, Julie (Jim) Matthys of Williston, ND, and their son, Ryan Matthys; niece, Jill (Greg) Lunde of Hankinson, ND, and their children, Adam Lunde, Casey (Chestin) Josewski, and Kevin Lunde; and nephew, Rex (Cindy) Leinen, of Fargo, ND, and their children, Corey (Alicea) Leinen, Shannon (Mark) Stanford, Cassie (Nate) Eriksmoen, and Jeremiah (Nichelle) Leinen; sister-in-law, Marlyn Morrison; best friend, Lenny Shereck; adopted family, Butch Burhans, Gary Burhans, Kay (Burhans) Thompson, and Judy (Burhans) Score; and housemates and staff.