

We little knew that morning
God was going to call your name.

In life we love you dearly,

In death we do the same.

It broke our hearts to lose you.

You did not go alone.

For part of us went with you,

The day God called you home.

You left us beautiful memories.

Your love is still our guide.

And though we cannot see you,

You are always by our side.

Our family chain is broken,

And nothing seems the same,

But as God calls us one by one

The chain will link again.



Donald J. Ripplinger

1940 ~ 2019





Donald J. Ripplinger, 78, Mandan, passed away unexpectedly on March 25, 2019, at Regions Hospital in St. Paul, MN.

Donald was born November 7, 1940, the second of five children to Alex and Rofena (Miller) Ripplinger of Flasher. He graduated from Flasher High School in 1959 and then worked for Foremost Dairies. Don met Josephine Berger in Mandan and they were married in October of 1961. They began a

beautiful 57-year journey and had 3 children. Don owned Seven Seas Standard and drove bus for Mandan School District for 25 years. He recently retired from Halo Branded Solutions. Don enjoyed his time spent hunting, fishing, playing cards, watching birds, and going for coffee. He also cherished quality time spent with his grandchildren who were always near and dear to his heart.

Don is survived by his wife, Josephine, Mandan; three children, Kim (Scott) Zachmeier, Mandan, Kent (Kelly) Ripplinger, Hudson, WI, and Kaye Ripplinger, Mandan; eight grandchildren, Kyle (Heather) Zachmeier, Kristie (Garrett) Kirchmeier, Austin and Lexi Vogel, Alex Ripplinger, Gregory Fencik, and Jessica and Kaden Dragun; a great grandchild due July 2019; his siblings, Loretta (Steven) Riehl, Bismarck and Ervin (Janet) Ripplinger, Flasher; sister-in-law; Marilyn Ripplinger, Bismarck; numerous nieces and nephews; and a dear friend, Arlo Unterseher.

Don was preceded in death by his parents, Alex and Rofena Ripplinger and his brothers, Alvin and Clarence.

****In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Christ the King Catholic School or St. Jude's Children's Hospital.****

Please go to www.BuehlerLarson.com to share memories of Don.

Parish Vigil & Rosary

Friday, March 29, 2019; 7:00 pm

Presider

Deacon Bob Wingenbach

Funeral Liturgy

Saturday, March 30, 2019; 10:00 am

Christ the King Catholic Church

Mandan, North Dakota

Fr. Nick Schneider

Celebrant

Musician & Vocalist

Gene Mosbrucker & Melissa Mosbrucker

Lectors

Austin Vogel & Lexi Vogel

Casketbearers

Kyle Zachmeier, Austin Vogel, Alex Ripplinger, Gregory Fencik, Troy Ripplinger, Todd Hopfauf, & Garrett Kirchmeier

Prelude

“Jealous of the Angels”

Opening

“Here I Am Lord”

Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament Reading

Ecclesiastes 3:1-2, 4, 17, 22

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 116

“I will walk in the presence of the Lord. I will sing of the good things that God has done for me. I will walk in the presence of the Lord.”

New Testament Reading

Romans 5:5-11

Gospel Reading

John 14:1-6

Homily

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of Gifts Song

“Be Not Afraid”

Presentation of Gifts

Don's Grandchildren

Consecration of Eucharist

Communion Song

“Amazing Grace”

Meditation

“You Are Mine”

Final Commendation

“Old Hundredth”

Closing Song

“On Eagle's Wings”

Committal will take place at Mandan Union Cemetery immediately following the funeral service.

The family invites you for lunch and fellowship at the Agnes Larkin Parish Life Center following the burial.