



*John Francis Abeld*, 75, of Crookston, MN, passed away at his home Friday evening, March 8, 2024, with his loving family at his side. He had been courageously battling cancer for several years.

John was born at Austin, MN on June 23, 1948, the son of Richard and Evelyn (Bissen) Abeld. He was baptized and received first communion at St. Peter's Catholic Church in nearby Rose Creek, MN where he grew up. John began his education in the St. Peter's Catholic School. In 1958 the family moved to Crookston where John attended and graduated from Central High School with the Class of 1966.

While in school and after graduation he worked alongside his father and brother, James, on the family's farm in Parnell Township. In the spring of 1968 John entered the US Army and served as a Chaplain's Assistant in Viet Nam. Following his honorable discharge in 1970 he returned to Crookston and resumed working on the farm. On December 7, 1973 John was united in marriage to Carol Jean Edna Carlson at St. Dorothy's Catholic Church in Dorothy, MN, the church where John was confirmed. He and Carol made their first home in Crookston Township where they started their family which would grow to include Tracy, Lisa, Tammy, Richard, John, and Jeff. They later moved a little further north of Crookston to Parnell Township. In 1998 John and Carol moved into Crookston. No matter where he and Carol called home John didn't retire from farming until he was called to his heavenly home last Friday evening.

John enjoyed fishing and hunting but one of his favorite pastimes was working on his lawn and landscaping his back yard, making it into a beautiful and serene spot where he could share special moments with Carol and their family. He loved his kids and their families dearly and he and Carol were so proud of each and every one of them. Still being able to kid and tease the grandkids was the best medicine he could ever have even as he continued to grow weaker with each passing day.

John was a devoted member of the Cathedral of Immaculate Conception parish and also held membership in Crookston VFW Post 1902.

John will be very sadly missed and lovingly remembered by Carol, his wife and best friend for over 50 years; their 5 children: Lisa Thoreson of Grand Forks, ND, Richard Abeld, John Abeld, Tammy and Billy Dickerson, and Jeff Abeld, all of Crookston; son-in-law, Bill Amiot of Thief River Falls, MN; a very special person in the lives of Carol and her family as she grew up with them, Dawn Resendiz of Gary, MN; 17 grandchildren: Christopher Amiot, Ashley (Michael) Berry, Garrett and Gabby Thoreson, Katie Ann, Samantha, Robert, and Laney Dickerson, Michael (JayDee) Abeld, Justin and Marissa Abeld, Brady Ronnie, and Stella, Jonathan, Ryan, Thomas, and Allison Abeld; 2 great-grandchildren, Valerie and Lilah Borges; 4 siblings: James and Carol Abeld of Crookston, Mary Lizotte of Eloy, AZ, Jean E. and Rick McAndrew of Hermiston, OR, and Carol and Gordy Royal of Gold Canyon, AZ; and from Carol's family: brothers-in-law and sister-in-law: David Carlson of Crookston, Dennis and Jo Carlson of Hurst, TX, and Larry Middleton of Hillsboro, MO; together with several nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends.

In addition to his beloved daughter, Tracy Lynn Amiot, who sadly passed away on August 26, 2018, John is preceded in death by his parents, Richard and Evelyn Abeld; brother-in-law, Doug Lizotte; parents-in-law, Woodrow "Woody" and Stella "Topsy" Carlson; and sisters-in-law, Shirley Ann Carlson and Donna Middleton.

*May God richly bless the memory of  
John Francis Abeld  
to all who were a part of his life.*







### **My Farm**

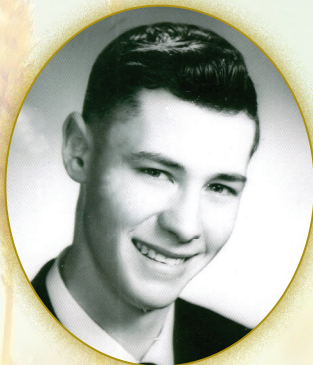
*My farm to me is not just land  
Where bare unpainted buildings stand-  
To me, my farm is nothing less  
Than all created loveliness.*

*My farm is not where I must soil  
My hands in endless dreary toil  
But where, through seed and swelling pod  
I've learned to walk, and talk with God.*

*My farm, to me, is not a place  
Outmoded by the modern race  
For here, I think, I just see less  
Of evil, greed, and selfishness.*

*My farm's a haven-here dwells rest,  
Security and happiness-  
Whate'er befalls the world outside  
Here faith and hope and love abide.*

*And so my farm is not just land  
Where bare unpainted buildings stand-  
To me, my farm is nothing less  
Than all God's hoarded loveliness.*



IN LOVING MEMORY

## *John Francis Abeld*

June 23, 1948    March 8, 2024

### *Prayer Service and Memory Sharing*

Friday, March 15, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.  
Stenshoel-Houske Funeral Home – Crookston, Minnesota  
Led by Fr. David Baumgartner

### *The Mass of Christian Burial Honoring John's Life*

Saturday, March 16, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.  
Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception  
Crookston, Minnesota  
Msgr. David Baumgartner, presiding

### *Readings*

Hosea 6:1-4  
Ephesians 2:4-10  
Matthew 13:1-9

### *Special Music*

"Lead Me, Lord"  
"On Eagle's Wings"  
"Eye Hath Not Seen"  
"Amazing Grace"

### *Casket Bearers*

Steven Abeld                      Doug Erdman  
Bill Amiot                        Duane Hanson  
Mike Anderson                 Keith Keller  
Mike Andringa                 Morgan Terpstra

### *Military Honors*

Crookston Veterans Council  
Minnesota National Guard Funeral Honors Team

### *Interment*

Calvary Cemetery  
Crookston, Minnesota

*From our Family to everyone a heartfelt thank you for your very kind expressions of sympathy that have been such a comfort to us during this difficult time. Thank you for being with us, whether in body or spirit, as we remember our Wonderful Husband and Best Friend, Father, Grandfather, Great-Grandfather, Brother, and Uncle.*

*Love,*

*Carol – Lisa - Richard – John – Tammy and Billy – Jeff  
Two Generations Who Called Him Grandpa – and Family*

