

*Celebrating* THE *Life* OF

# Robert 'Bob' Friesen

OCTOBER 9, 1936 – OCTOBER 6, 2024

## *Never Quit!*

When things go wrong, as they sometimes will,  
When the road your trudging seems all uphill,  
When the funds are low and the debts are high  
And you want to smile, but you have to sigh,  
When care is pressing you down a bit.

**REST IF YOU MUST - BUT NEVER QUIT.**

Life is queer with its twists and turns  
As everyone of us sometimes learns,  
And many a failure comes about  
When he might have won had stuck it out  
Never give up though the pace seems slow,

**YOU MAKE SUCEED WITH ANOTHER BLOW.**

Often the goal is nearer than  
It seems to a faint and faltering man,  
Often the struggler has given up  
When he might have captured the victor's cup,  
And he learned too late when the night slipped down,

**HOW CLOSE HE WAS TO THAT GOLDEN CROWN.**

Success is failure turned inside out,  
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt.  
And you never can tell how close your are,  
It may be near when it seems afar;  
So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit.

**IT'S WHEN THINGS SEEM WORST  
THAT YOU MUST NEVER QUIT!**

### **Services At:**

Glenwood Lutheran Church - Glenwood, Minnesota  
Friday - October 18, 2024 - 10:00 a.m.

### **Officiating Clergy:**

Reverend Krista Lee

### **Musician:**

Amy VanZee

### **Pallbearers:**

Bob's Grandchildren:  
Blake Friesen, Raechel Friesen, Erika Friesen  
Katelyn Friesen, Carter Friesen, Emma Friesen

### **Honorary Pallbearers:**

Bob's Great-Grandchildren:  
Max Friesen and Jaxon Friesen

### **Military Honors:**

Richmond Legion  
Minnesota Memorial Rifle Squad

### **Interment:**

Minnesota State Veteran's Cemetery  
Little Falls, Minnesota  
Monday, October 21, 2024 - 10:00 a.m.

In lieu of sending individual notes,  
Bob's family would like to **Thank You** for all of your  
thoughts, prayers, and kind gestures during this difficult time.

**Robert Gene Friesen**, the son of Hank A. and Chrystal Mae (Schimnowski) Friesen, was born on October 9, 1936, in Windom, Minnesota. He was raised on a farm near Alberta, MN, with his eight siblings. Robert attended schools in Windom, Mountain Lake, and Alberta, graduating from Alberta High School in 1956. He continued his education at the University of Nebraska in Omaha, NE, where he studied law enforcement and criminal justice. Robert married Jane Henriksen, and they had three sons: Todd, Timothy, and David.

Robert began his military career in the United States Army with the Minnesota Officer Candidate School followed by active-duty service. His career included assignments in Germany (two tours), Stateside, and Vietnam from 1967 to 1968. He also served in the Reserve Forces, including the Minnesota National Guard, Nebraska National Guard, and Army Reserves. Robert retired as a Major after 20 years of service and was awarded the Bronze Star for his service in Vietnam.

Robert epitomized public service through his career and volunteer work. He volunteered at the VFW/American Legion in Lowry, Glenwood, and Starbuck. A dedicated patriot, Robert embraced the values of loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity, and personal courage. He was a man of many talents, working in various roles such as at an automotive service station, in law enforcement, and with city utilities in Starbuck. Before retiring, he became a beloved school bus driver for 26 years. Robert enjoyed fishing, collecting, gardening, sports, traveling, and spending time with his family.

Robert is survived by his sons, Todd (Marcia) Friesen and Timothy (Carolyn) Friesen; six grandchildren: Blake, Raechel, Erika, Katelyn, Carter, and Emily Leigh Jane Friesen; two great-grandchildren, Max and Jaxon; two sisters, Carol (Dave) Groff and Sandra (Doug) Buchann and sisters-in-law, Judy Friesen, Nancy Friesen, Eli Friesen, Delores Friesen and Donna Friesen. He was preceded in death by his son David; his parents Hank and Chrystal Mae Friesen; and his six brothers: Richard, Russell, Raymond, Ronald, Randall, and Weldon (in infancy).



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