

In Loving Memory



God saw he was getting tired

And a cure was not to be.

So He put his arm around him

And whispered, "Come with Me."

With tearful eyes we watched him suffer

And saw him fade away.

Although we loved him dearly,

We could not make him stay

A golden heart stopped beating,

Hard working hands to rest.

God broke our hearts to prove to us

He only takes the best.





Raymond G. Bliese, 70, formerly of Ft. Rice passed away Saturday, April 20, 2019 at Garrison Memorial Care Center in Garrison.

Raymond was born on January 12, 1949 in Mandan to Herman and Marjorie (Chase) Bliese. He grew up on the family farm and attended country school through the 8th grade and later Mandan High School. Raymond worked on the family farm until it was sold. Raymond then worked as a hired hand at the Cannonball Ranch and other ranches in the area. In 1978 he began working for the Boilermakers Local 647 until his retirement in June 2008. In 1985 Raymond purchased a portion of the

Chase homestead near Fort Rice from his Aunt Clara. She stayed on the homestead with him until she moved to Mandan. She was such a good cook and Raymond loved food! He loved having her there with him. Raymond had enough land, so he could put up hay to sell and have a few miniature ponies. He was in his glory when he was on his John Deere tractors or tinkering on them.

Raymond enjoyed doing many things, such as going to auction sales, deer hunting, welding, processing his own meats and making sausage, and spending time with his friends and his nieces, Dawn and Deana. Raymond was always “there” if family or friends needed help.

Raymond entered the Garrison CHI swing bed unit in 2017. He was not happy about the situation but later settled in. He was the candy man there and always had a drawer full of candy for the staff and insisted they take some. He made special friends there, especially nurse aides, Vicki and Shannon, who always made him laugh. Raymond enjoyed Sister Agnes’ visits very much. The family thanks the staff for the loving care they provided Raymond.

Raymond is survived by his brothers, Gus (Bonnie) Bliese, Ronan, MT, Harold Bliese, Fort Rice, and Mike (Corri) Bliese, Rapid City, SD; his sister, Karen Heck, Fort Rice; many nieces, nephews, and grand nieces and nephews; as well as a special cousin, Marlene Wardner.

Raymond was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Ida Heck; brother, Kenny Bliese; brother-in-laws, Duane Heck and Richard Heck; niece, Heidi (Heck) Hertel; and nephew, John Payne.

Raymond’s death was caused by complications from untreated basil cell carcinoma. His family wants to remind everyone to get checked and seek treatment as this could have been prevented.

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

Funeral Service

Friday, April 26, 2019; 11:00 AM
First Lutheran Church, Mandan, ND

Officiating

Reverend Lee Herberg

Musician

Loretta White

Soloist

Don Engbrecht

Honorary Casketbearers

Dick Ressler, Donald Miller, Dave Willie
Clifford Miller, Paul Backer, & Don Hatzenbuhler

Funeral Service for Raymond G. Bliese

Gathering	p.279 ELW
Processional Hymn	“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound” #779 ELW
Psalm 121	
Prayer of the Day	
Reading of the Obituary	
Scripture Readings	Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, 11 2 Corinthians 4:16-5:5 John 15:8-17
Special Music	“The Old Rugged Cross”
Homily	
Special Music	“In the Garden”
The Apostles’ Creed/Prayers	p.282 ELW
The Lord’s Prayer	p.283 ELW
The Commendation	
Processional Hymn	“Beautiful Savior” #838 ELW

The family invites you to join them downstairs in the Fellowship Hall for a strengthening time of food and fellowship immediately following the funeral service.

The family will have a private Committal Service for Raymond at a later date.