



Ryan Leif Erickson was born March 3, 1959, in Willmar, Minnesota, to Evie and Bob Erickson. He graduated from Willmar High School in 1977 and attended Willmar Vo-Tech. He was a true Blomkest lifer, deciding to work at Erickson's Plumbing and Heating, the family business with the people he loved. Ryan treated each customer like family and was proud to be peoples "go to guy."

After living the bachelor life for 39 years, he met the love of his life in a chance encounter on a trip to Mexico. In 2000, he married Kelly and became a proud parent to two girls whom he loved and treated as his own. Later becoming the "Fun Grandpa", always ready for the next adventure.

Ryan served on the Blomkest Fire Department for over 40 years. He always looked forward to their community fundraising events, like turkey bingo and the annual fish fry. He loved volunteer work with his favorite being the two mission trips to Bolivia using his plumbing expertise to enrich their communities.

Ryan was everybody's friend with the gift to gab. Good luck leaving quickly once he got to chatting. He loved working on DIY projects and could rig up anything. He was especially proud of his float creations for Blomkest Appreciation Day. Many of which won 1<sup>st</sup> place.

Ryan proudly served on the East Lake Lillian Township Board, Kandiyohi Power Cooperative Board and many other boards throughout the years. Ryan was always 100% invested in whatever he was doing. He truly enjoyed his most recent endeavor working in sales at Perkins Lumber.

Spending time with family and friends was Ryan's favorite pastime. He loved playing golf with his golf cronies any time it was nice enough to get out. He was always ready for a good game of buck and loved bluffing his way to a win.

His impact is far reaching and will be missed by many. He will be remembered as a great husband, father, grandpa, brother, son and friend.

# *Celebrating the Life of*



## *Ryan L. Erickson*

*1959 - 2022*

# A Hero's Welcome

By Robert Longley

Time to come home dear brother  
Your tour of duty through  
You've given as much as anyone  
Could be expected to do

Just a few steps further  
The smoke will start to clear  
Others here will guide you  
You have no need of fear

You have not failed your brothers  
You clearly gave it all  
And through your selfless actions  
Others will hear the call

So take your place of honor  
Among those who have gone before  
And know you will be remembered  
For now and evermore



In Loving Memory Of

## Ryan L. Erickson

March 3, 1959  
Willmar, Minnesota

May 12, 2022  
Blomkest, Minnesota

### Celebration of Life Service

Friday, May 20, 2022 - 1:30 p.m.

The Refuge Church  
Willmar, Minnesota

Prelude		Gwen Krebsbach
Processional		
Welcome & Opening Prayer		
Special Music	"I'll Fly Away"	Jordyn Gatewood
Time of Remembrance		Ross Erickson—Brother
Scripture Reading - Jeremiah 29:11		
Message		Pastor Jeff Schmitz
Reading of Poem - "A Hero's Welcome"		
Final Blessing & Prayer		
Recessional	"Amazing Grace"	Jordyn Gatewood
Postlude		

### Honor Guard

Blomkest Fire Department

### Interment

Evergreen Cemetery  
Blomkest, Minnesota

Arrangements By

*Peterson Brothers Funeral Home*  
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