

## Remembering the Life....

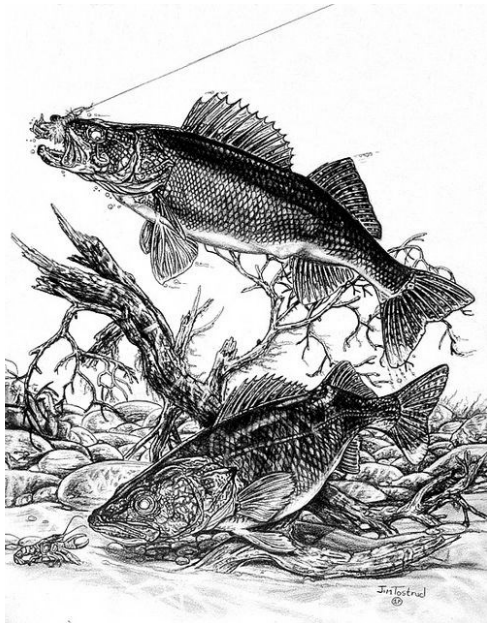
Charles Finkelson was born February 1, 1946 in Fergus Falls, Minnesota to Milton and Ethel (Knutson) Finkelson. He grew up and attended school in Dalton at District 7 country school. As a young man, he worked for many farmers. He then began a career in construction. He was one of the best backhoe operators around. He worked for Delzer Construction, Johnson Brothers Construction, and Ness Backhoe Service. On May 1, 1992, he was united in marriage to Carla Berglund at Branson, MO. The couple had a daughter, Deirdre Marie. They later divorced.

He enjoyed fishing, going to the casino, hunting, and doing word search puzzles. Charles was also a terrific dancer. He enjoyed visiting with people and talking about construction and fishing. Charles bragged about how good of a cook he was!

On Tuesday, August 16, 2022 Charlie passed away at his home at the age of seventy-six years.

He is survived by his daughter, Deirdre Finkelson of Gillette, WY; his granddaughter, Faith Finkelson; his siblings: a twin sister, Carolyn (Reuben) Johansen of Dalton, Rodney Finkelson of Dalton, Elroy Finkelson of Dalton, Judy (Paul) Sonmor of Dalton, Bonnie Mark of Fergus Falls, Joni (Dennis) Mosher of Dalton and a half-brother, Curtis Knutson of Ardmore, OK. He is also survived by his faithful companion cat, Scooter Hooter. Charles was preceded in death by his parents, sisters-in-law, Cathy Finkelson and Nadine Finkelson, a brother-in-law, Corky Mark and his special friend, Pearl Amelsberg.

*Blessed be the Memory of  
Charles Finkelson*



Celebrating  
the **Life** of



Charles Finkelson



### **I'm Free**

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God laid for me  
I took His hand when I heard Him call  
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day  
to laugh, to love, to work or play  
Tasks left undone must stay that way  
I found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void  
then fill it with remembered joy  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss  
Ah, yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow  
My life's been full, I savored much,  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seems all too brief  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me  
God wanted me now. He set me free.

# *In Loving Memory Of* **Charles Allen Finkelson**

February 1, 1946 ~ August 16, 2022

## **Memorial Service**

Saturday, August 20, 2022 at 11:00 A.M.  
Zion-Sarpsborg Free Lutheran Church  
Dalton, Minnesota

## **Officiating**

Pastor Mark Johnson

## **Music**

Laurie Jensen, organist  
Pastor Mark Johnson, soloist  
*"Where No One Stands Alone"*  
*"I Saw The Light"* Hank Williams

## **Congregational Hymn**

*"Amazing Grace"*

## **Honorary Urnbearers**

All of Charles' Fishing Buddies

## **Urbearers**

Rodney Finkelson ~ Elroy Finkelson

## **Interment at a Later Date**

Zion-Sarpsborg Cemetery  
Dalton, Minnesota

## **Appreciation**

Charles' family is grateful for your attendance at this service. Your many expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated. Please join family and friends for lunch and fellowship following the service.

## **Arrangements by**

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