

*Noel Louis Schroeder was born on April 17, 1936, in Wagner, South Dakota to Clarence and Nell Schroeder. He grew up on the family farm where he, and his twin brother Newell, found plenty of mischief. His older brother Keith and sister Sal were always on the lookout for them. He lettered in football, track, and basketball; where he competed at the state level. Noel and Newell were known as the fanciest guards in the state. He graduated from Wagner High School in 1954. He went to Southern State Teachers College in Springfield, SD for one year. He then volunteered to serve our country in the Armed Services. He was in the Army for 2 years and left to return to college at South Dakota State College in Brookings, SD. In college is where Noel met his future wife, Linda Luther. They were married on September 5, 1957, in Huron, SD. Five children were born to this union, Scott, Martin, Todd, Wendy and Barbara.*

*Noel began his 38-year career in education, teaching in Bainville, MT in 1959 where he taught high school math, and coached. He then became Principal and math teacher in Hartington, NE. From there, the family moved to Royal, IA where he served as High School Principal and math teacher. They then moved to Sibley, IA for one year where he worked in administration and then to Emmetsburg, IA for one year. In 1970 the family moved to Alexandria, where Noel was the Curriculum Director until 1981. Noel then moved to Foley where he was the Superintendent until 1995. He retired after many years in education to his home on Lake Ottertail. After retirement, he served as interim superintendent in Big Fork, MN, Tuttle, ND school district, and on the school board in Perham, MN, and other boards.*

*Noel enjoyed spending time with his kids and grandkids at the lake and the hunting land. Noel had many hobbies. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, four-wheeling, trips to Canada, the hunting shack and an occasional pull tab. He also had fun hustling people at the pool table, and playing cards. Noel was always proud of his time in the service and enjoyed spending time at the VFW, Am. Vet. and the O.T.*

*Noel L. Schroeder passed away peacefully, surrounded by family in Alexandria, MN at the age 84, on Saturday, January 16, 2021.*

*Noel was preceded in death by his father and mother, Clarence and Nell, his twin brother, Newell, his sister, LaDonna (Sal), his son, Todd, and daughter in law, Marilyn. He is survived by his brother, Keith (Mardi) of Wagner, SD, son Scott (Jemmy) of Rockford, MN, son Marty (Laura) of Gold Canyon, AZ, daughter in law, Gwen of Alexandria, daughter, Wendy (Randy) Steidl of Carlos, MN, and daughter, Barbara (Dean) Anderson of Grantsburg, WI, 10 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.*

### **Footprints In The Sand**

*One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the Lord. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene, he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand; one belonging to him, and the other to the Lord. When the last scene of his life flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints in the sand. He noticed that many times along the path of his life there was one set of footprints. He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in his life. This really bothered him and he questioned the Lord about it. "Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why when I needed you most you would leave me." The Lord replied, "My precious, precious child, I love you and I would never leave you. During the times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."*

*In Memory of*

## **Noel Louis Schroeder**

April 17, 1936 ☩ January 16, 2021

### **Memorial Service**

Anderson Funeral Home Chapel  
Alexandria, Minnesota  
Tuesday, January 19, 2021  
1:00 PM

### **Officiant**

Reverend John Martinson

### **Special Songs**

"Amazing Grace"  
"Old Rugged Cross"

### **Honorary Urn Bearers**

Jeremy Schroeder	Chelsea Campbell
Nicholas Steidl	Nolan Steidl
Ryan Schroeder	Brett Anderson
Luke Anderson	Merissa Schroeder
Danika Schroeder	McKenna Schroeder

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