

Sammy VanBeek was born on March 19, 1931, in Inwood, Iowa the son of Jake and Francis (Bol) VanBeek. He grew up in Larchwood, Iowa where he attended country school. He farmed until September of 1953 when he served his country in the United States Army during the Korean War. He was honorably discharged in June of 1955. He continued to farm in Iowa after his service for a short time and then moved to Alexandria where he and his family purchased Sun Valley Resort on Mill Lake. Sammy, his parents and brother ran the resort until 1970 when they sold it.

Sammy was united in marriage to Marlys Severson at West Moe Church in 1957. After selling the resort Marlys and Sammy built a home with a couple of apartments they rented out. The couple enjoyed dancing and spending time with family and friends.

Sammy was a lifetime member of the Elks, Legion and Eagles. He was also active in the DAC.

Sammy died on Friday, January 10, 2020. He is survived by his sister, Florence Kroll and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Marlys; parents, brothers: Jack, Glen; sisters: Nel, Annie, Mary, Bertha, Mitzi.

In Loving Memory of

Sammy VanBeek

March 19, 1931 † January 10, 2020

Memorial Service

Anderson Funeral Home
Alexandria, Minnesota

Wednesday, January 15, 2020, 1:30 PM

Officiant

Rev. Wayne Erickson

Musical Selections By

Kim Byrne

Musical Selections

How Great Thou Art
Amazing Grace My Chains Are Gone
Peace In the Valley
Precious Lord Take My Hand

Military Honors By

American Legion Post #87
VFW Post #936
VVA Post #235 Rifle Squad
Marine Corps League #1409
MN National Guard Honors

Inurnment

Evergreen Cemetery
Alexandria, Minnesota

Arrangements

Anderson Funeral Home - Alexandria, Minnesota

The Day God Called You Home

*God looked around His garden
and found an empty space.*

*Then He looked down upon the earth
and saw your tired face.*

*He put his arms around you,
lifted you to rest.*

*God's garden must be beautiful,
for He only takes the best.*

*He knew that you were suffering.
He knew you were in pain.*

*He saw the road was getting rough,
and the hills were hard to climb.*

*So He closed your weary eyes,
and whispered, "Peace be thine".*

*It broke our hearts to lose you,
but you did not go alone.*

*For part of us went with you,
the day God called you home.*