

# Jon Otto Reber

JUNE 14, 1941—MARCH 1, 2023

*May the road rise up to meet you,*

*May the wind be always at your back,*

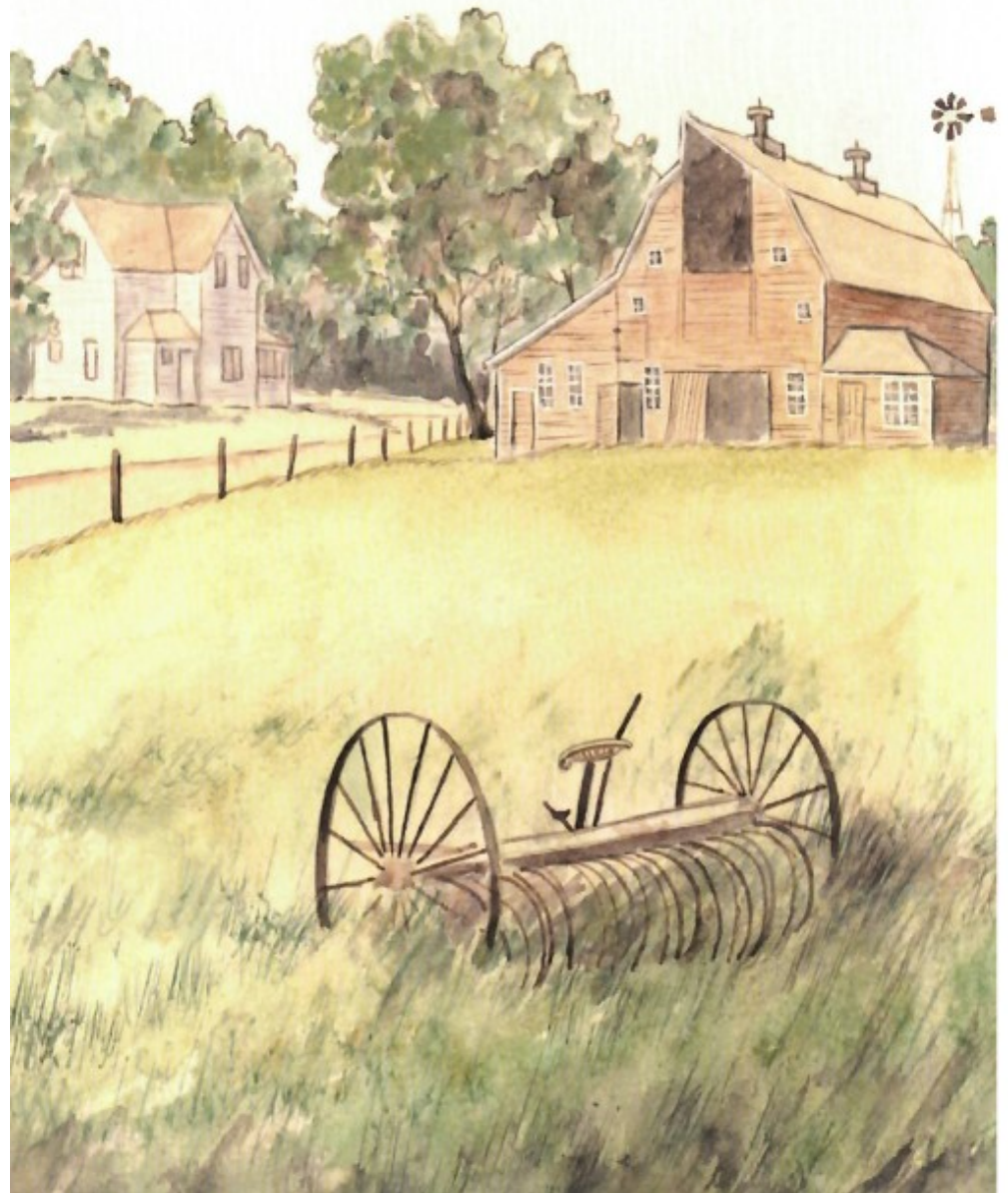
*May the sun shine warm upon your face,*

*The rains fall soft upon your fields,*

*And until we meet again,*

*May God hold you in the palm of His hand.*

*Traditional Irish Prayer*



**Jon** Otto Reber was born June 14, 1941, to Fred and Lonie (Albrecht) Reber in Nielson Township, Wilkin County, MN. He attended Wilkin County School District #40. In 1954 his family moved to Breckenridge where he graduated from Breckenridge High School.

After graduation, Jon enlisted in the U.S. Army where he proudly served at Fort Riley, Kansas for three years before being honorably discharged.

Following his discharge, Jon began driving truck full time, a career which he would continue for over 50 years before retiring in 2017 to his farm near Foxhome, Minnesota.

On June 3, 1967, Jon married Gail Alice Van Tassel at Breckenridge Lutheran Church. They shared 55 years of marriage and nine children.

Jon enjoyed seeing the country through the windshield of his truck, and he especially loved it when his family could join him on the road. His favorite destinations were Montana and California. After his retirement, he filled his days with more leisurely hobbies that included model trains, woodworking, talking with strangers, laughing at a good joke, and tinkering with anything that was broken. He especially loved spending time with his grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Fred and Lonie, and his younger brother Daniel "Mike" Reber.

Jon is survived by his bride Gail; children Susan (Martin) McCormack of Redmond, OR; Ann (Aaron) Millis of Helena, MT; Alicia (Cort) Jensen of Helena, MT; John (Heather) Reber of Rothsay, MN; Brianna (Marcus) Erickson of Moorhead, MN; Maria (Matt) May of Custer, SD; Ashley (Eric Geisner) Reber of Custer, SD; Elizabeth Ringquist of Moorhead, MN; and Alexandra (Chris) Friese of Moorhead, MN; and sixteen grandchildren. Jon is also survived by his sisters, Janice Grannes of Des Moines, IA; Judy (Stan) Fure of Bella Vista, AR; and Karen Halvorson of Weslaco, TX.

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*Memory*

J O N O T T O R E B E R



Born: June 14, 1941 • Nilsen Township, Minnesota

Died: March 1, 2023 • Foxhome, Minnesota

### FUNERAL SERVICE

New Life Lutheran Church

Rothsay, Minnesota

2:00 p.m., Sunday, March 5, 2023

### PARTICIPANTS

Pastor Randy Whitehead, Celebrant

Joyce Peterson, Organist

Wilkin Honor Guard, Local Military Honors

United States Army Honors, National Military Honors

### PALLBEARERS

All of Jon's Loving Grandchildren

### SPECIAL MUSIC

Be Thou my Vision • It is Well With my Soul

I, Lord of Sea and Sky • On Eagles Wings

### BURIAL AT A LATER DATE

Our Savior's Lutheran Cemetery

Rothsay, Minnesota

*The family wishes to express their gratitude for your kind expressions of sympathy and for honoring Jon with your presence at the service.*