

Clayton J. Thurston, 78, of Detroit Lakes passed away on Thursday, January 21, 2021 at the Veterans Home in Fergus Falls, MN.



Clayton J. Thurston was born on January 12, 1943 in Cando, ND to Earl and Lydia (Klebaum) Thurston. He graduated from Egeland, ND high school as part of the class of 1961.

Clayton joined the United States Army after graduation and served until 1963. Clayton was united in marriage to Kathryn Grady on November 29, 1966. He worked as a contractor most of his life.

Clayton was active with the DAV in Detroit Lakes. His favorite pastime was fishing; he enjoyed all the laughter and fun with friends.

Clayton is survived by his wife of 54 years Kathryn of Detroit Lakes, grandson Sloan (Cheyanne) Thurston of Fergus Falls, MN, and great-grandchildren Connor and Lydia.

He is preceded in death by his parents Earl and Lydia, and his brother Clinton Thurston.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday, January 28, 2021 at 2 p.m. at David-Donhower Funeral Home with a visitation one hour prior.

In lieu of flowers the family requests memorials be made to the VA Veterans Home in Fergus Falls, MN.

Celebrating the Life of



Clayton John Thurston
1943—2021



Alzheimer's Poem
 Kelly's Treehouse

Don't ask me to remember.
 Don't try to make me understand.
 Let me rest and know you're with me,
 kiss my cheek and hold my hand.
 I'm confused beyond your concept
 I am sad sick and lost
 All I know is I need you to be
 with me at all cost.

Do not lose your patience with me
 Do not scold or curse my cry
 I can't help the way I'm acting
 Can't be different though I try
 Just remember I need you
 the best of me is gone
 Please don't fail to stand by me
 Love me till my life is done.



In Loving Memory of
Clayton John Thurston

Born to Life on Earth

Born to Life Eternal

~
 January 12, 1943
 Cando
 North Dakota

~
 January 21, 2021
 Fergus Falls
 Minnesota

Celebration of Life

Thursday, January 28, 2021 - 2:00 pm
 David-Donhower Funeral Home
 Detroit Lakes, Minnesota
 Paul Hahncke, *Chaplain Fergus Falls VA*

Special Music

"Somewhere over the Rainbow" Israel Kamakawiwo'ole
"Hallelujah" Bon Jovi
"Goodbye" Kenny Rogers

Urn Bearers

Mark Nelson Rick McDougall Randy Reetz

Honorary Urn Bearers

Cooper Thurston Jake Thurston Sloan Thurston

Interment

To be held at a later date
 Fargo National Cemetery ~ Fargo, North Dakota