



***Leroy Bellcourt, 79, of Ogema, MN passed away suddenly on Monday, October 12, 2020 at St Mary's Essentia Health Hospital.***

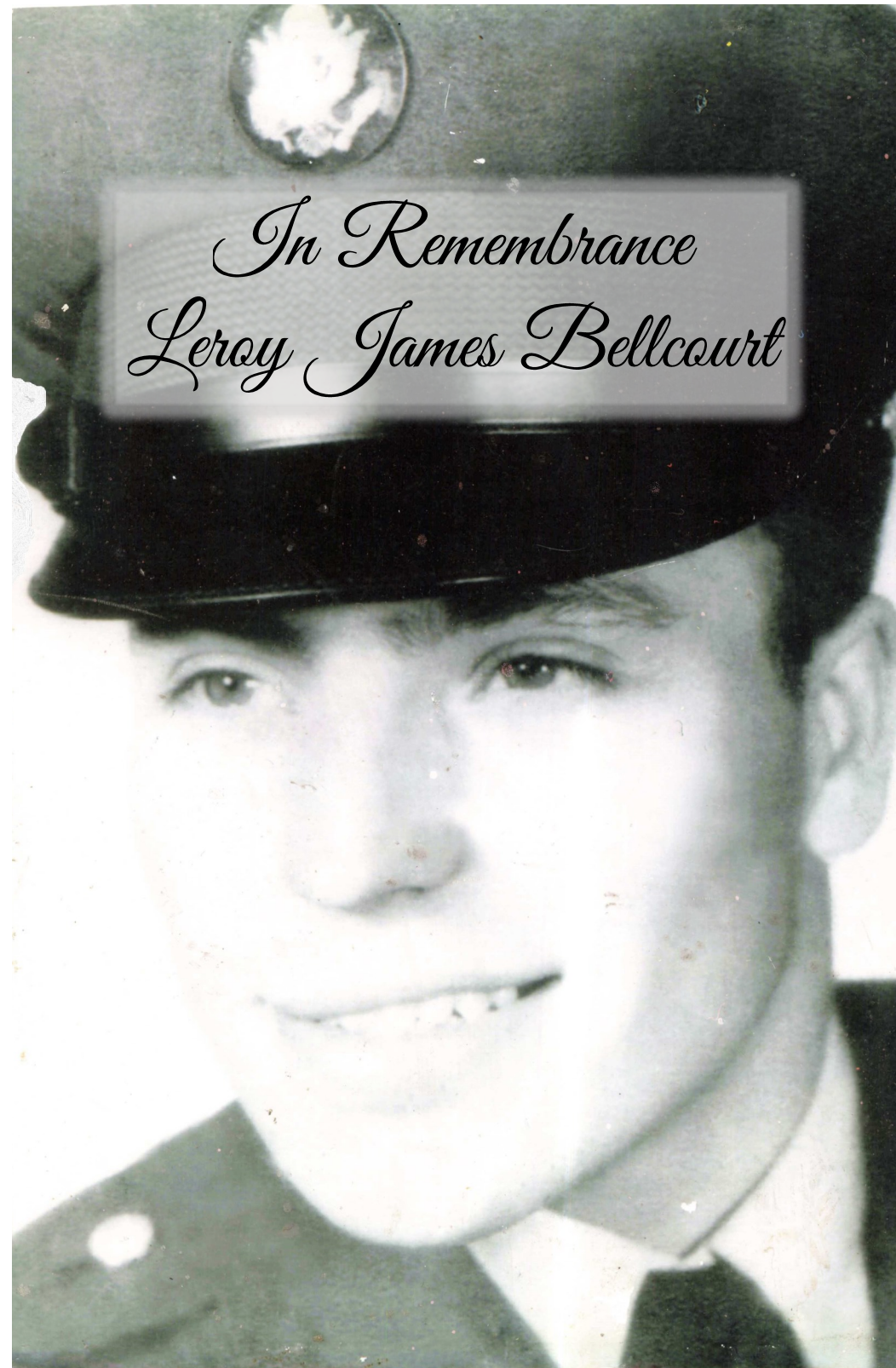
*A traditional visitation will be held on Thursday, October 15, 2020 starting at 5pm at the White Earth Community Center. Mass of Christian burial will be on Friday, October 16, 2020, at 11am, St. Benedict Catholic church in White Earth, MN.*

*Leroy James Bellcourt was born on November 18, 1940, in White Earth Township to Joseph and Grace (LACHapelle) Bellcourt. He was raised and attended school in White Earth, MN. Growing up, Leroy met Doris Jackson and they became friends. After school, he enlisted in the United States Army in 1961. After leaving the Army, Leroy moved to South Minneapolis finding and marrying his best friend and love of his life, Doris Jackson. In the early 1990's, the family moved back to White Earth.*

*Leroy loved to listen to music, his coffee in the morning, jigsaw puzzles, playing cards, gardening-which he was excellent at but, his favorite thing to do was visit with his family and friends. Leroy's family was always his first priority.*

*Deeply loved, Leroy's passing is mourned by his children Brian, Shari, Valerie, Leroy Jr, Laura, LaNay, and Kari; twenty one grandchildren, and ten great grandchildren; siblings Ray, Richard, Donna, Sharon, and Ron; numerous nieces, nephews, and extended family.*

*Preceding Leroy in death were his wife Doris; parents Joseph and Grace; grandparents Joe and Myrtle Bellcourt, and Phillip and Myrtle LACHapelle; sons Vincent and Arnie; grandson Jeff; granddaughter Violet; and brother Wayne.*



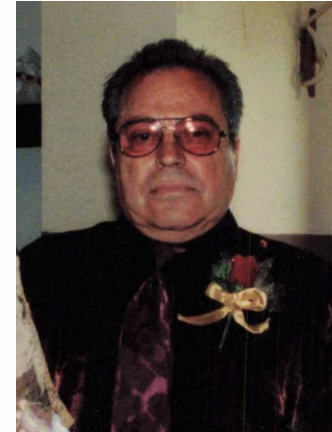
# *In Loving Memory Of Leroy James Bellcourt*



*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 his call,  
I turned my back and left it all.  
I could not stay another day,  
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I've found that peace at the close of the 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 savoured much,  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch,  
Perhaps my time seemed 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.*



November 18, 1940  
White Earth Twp, MN



October 12, 2020  
Detroit Lakes, MN

## ***MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL***

Friday, October 16, 2020 - 11:00am  
St Benedict Catholic Church  
White Earth, Minnesota  
Father Daniel Nassaney, Clergy

## ***CASKET BEARERS***

Leroy Bellcourt Jr. Marvin Bellcourt  
Abe Ortega Rafael Bellcourt  
Christopher Rogers Mike Azure

## ***HONORARY BEARERS***

Bruce Sherman Michael Sherman  
Bud Day Alex Ortega  
Carl Wadenah Jeff Azure

## ***INTERMENT***

Calvary Catholic Cemetery  
White Earth, Minnesota