



CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

Wesley Lyle Bratton

DECEMBER 4, 1950 – DECEMBER 9, 2022

GOD saw you were getting tired
When a cure was not to be.
He closed his *Arms*
around you and whispered,
"Come To Me."
In tears we saw you sinking,
we watched you fade away.
Our *Hearts* were almost broken,
you fought so hard to stay.
But when we saw you sleeping
so peacefully, free from pain,
we should not wish you back to suffer that again.
So treasure him, Lord, in your garden of rest.
For here on earth,
He Was The Best.

Services At:

Trinity Lutheran Church — Cyrus, Minnesota
Monday — December 19, 2022 — 10:30 a.m.

Officiating Clergy:

Reverend Chris Richards

Musician:

Keni Zenner

Soloist:

Jere Solvie

Music Selections:

"Be Thou My Vision"

"Precious Lord Take My Hand"

"Just A Closer Walk With Thee"

"Amazing Grace"

Honorary Urnbearers:

Scott Estenson, Jerry Erickson, Tom Olson

Steven Tollefson, Phill Helgerson

Keith Asmus, Gary Dohlen, Bill Mickelson

Dennis Lokken, David Braaten, Brock Sureus

In lieu of sending individual notes, we would like to take this opportunity to say a very heartfelt

Thank You

to everyone for your many acts of kindness and support during this difficult time.

Wesley Lyle Bratton was born on December 4, 1950 to Ralph and Edna (Helgerson) Bratton at the Minnewaska Hospital in Starbuck, Minnesota. He was baptized and confirmed at the Cyrus Lutheran Church and attended Cyrus Public Schools until graduation in 1968. After graduation, Wesley spent several years working at Melroe Equipment in Gwinner, North Dakota. He then returned to the Morris area and did numerous trucking jobs and worked for several local implement dealerships. When his father, Ralph, retired, he farmed with his brother, Dan, for many years. Along with farming, he worked at the local furniture store.

Wesley enjoyed farm life. He especially loved attending threshing bees and looking at old farm machinery. During his time away from farming and work, he could be found boating and ice fishing, going on bus tours around the United States, and visiting with friends and neighbors.

When his mother, Edna Bratton, became a resident at the local nursing home, Wesley would stop daily to see his mother and help with activities. He especially enjoyed helping out when there was bingo. His kindness didn't go unnoticed as he was once nominated for the Stevens County Pay It Forward Award.

After a short illness, Wesley passed away at the Swift County Benson Hospital on December 9, 2022. He was 72 years old.

Wesley is survived by his brothers: Daniel Bratton and Rodney (Ruth) Bratton, all of Morris; as well as many beloved nieces, nephews and great-nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother: Duane Bratton.

