



Heraclitus

Out of every hundred men,
ten shouldn't even be there,
eighty are just targets,
nine are the real fighters,
and we are lucky to have them,
for they make the battle.
Ah, but the one, one is a warrior,
and will bring the others back.



Ronald D. Otto, 70, a proud veteran of the United States Army and a longtime resident of Mandan ND, was peacefully called to his Lord's home on February 13, 2022 with family and care givers at his bedside.

Ron was born February 27, 1951, in Bismarck, ND. He graduated from Mandan High School. Drafted into the US Army in 1971, he is a veteran of the Vietnam War. He is the recipient of the National Defense and Vietnam Service Medals.

After his military service, he returned to his beloved city of Mandan where he attended Bismarck State College. He served on many community boards and service organizations. He particularly enjoyed handing out dictionaries to local elementary students donated by the local Rotary. He felt honored to be the Veterans Service Officer for Morton and Oliver counties. He served as a Judge Advocate on National Association of County Veteran Services Officers. He worked tirelessly for ALL veterans.

He married Linda Kurzweg on May 7, 1993. They enjoyed spending time at their cabin on Lake Sakakawea. Ron was an avid hunter, fisherman, and a serious pinochle and cribbage player.

He leaves behind his wife of 28 years, Linda Otto; his mother, Edith; daughters, Jolene and Laura; siblings, Kenny (Eileen) Otto and Bonnie (Tim) Leingang; and multiple nieces and nephews.

Ron's family requests any donations to be sent to: Disabled American Veterans Department of North Dakota, 3812 Lakewood Drive SE, Mandan ND 58554.

Following the service, the family invites you for lunch and fellowship in the church basement.

Funeral Service

**Friday, February 18, 2022; 11:30 AM
First Lutheran Church, Mandan, ND**

Graveside Service

North Dakota Veterans Cemetery

Officiant

Pastor Phil Leer

Musicians

Glen Mueller & Kathy Branvold

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF RONALD OTTO

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Invocation	Pg. 281
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Special Music	"Knowing What I Know About Heaven"
Scripture Readings	Psalm 42:1 Psalm 23 Revelation 21:4-5 Luke 5:1-9
Sermon	
Special Music	"I Want To Stroll Over Heaven With You"
Prayers of the Church	C: "Hear our prayer."
Lord's Prayer	
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Closing Song/Recessional	"Happy Trails To You"

Pallbearers

Matt Schuchard ~ Zach Schuchard ~ Mark Leingang
Eric Otto ~ Mark Landies ~ Rick Schuchard

Honorary Pallbearers

Martha Martin ~ LaDon Hartman ~ Tanya Decker

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Mandan, North Dakota**