

Remembering the Life....

Arnie was born May 23, 1954 in Eau Claire, WI to Lawrence and Doris Raether. He was raised in Augusta, WI. As a teenager he started racing snowmobiles, winning many trophies. He graduated from Augusta High School. Throughout his working years, he held different jobs in Wisconsin, California and Minnesota, always finding his way back to hardware stores. While living in California with his sister, Marce, he would often make trips to spend time with his girls, enjoying their favorite activity of downhill skiing.

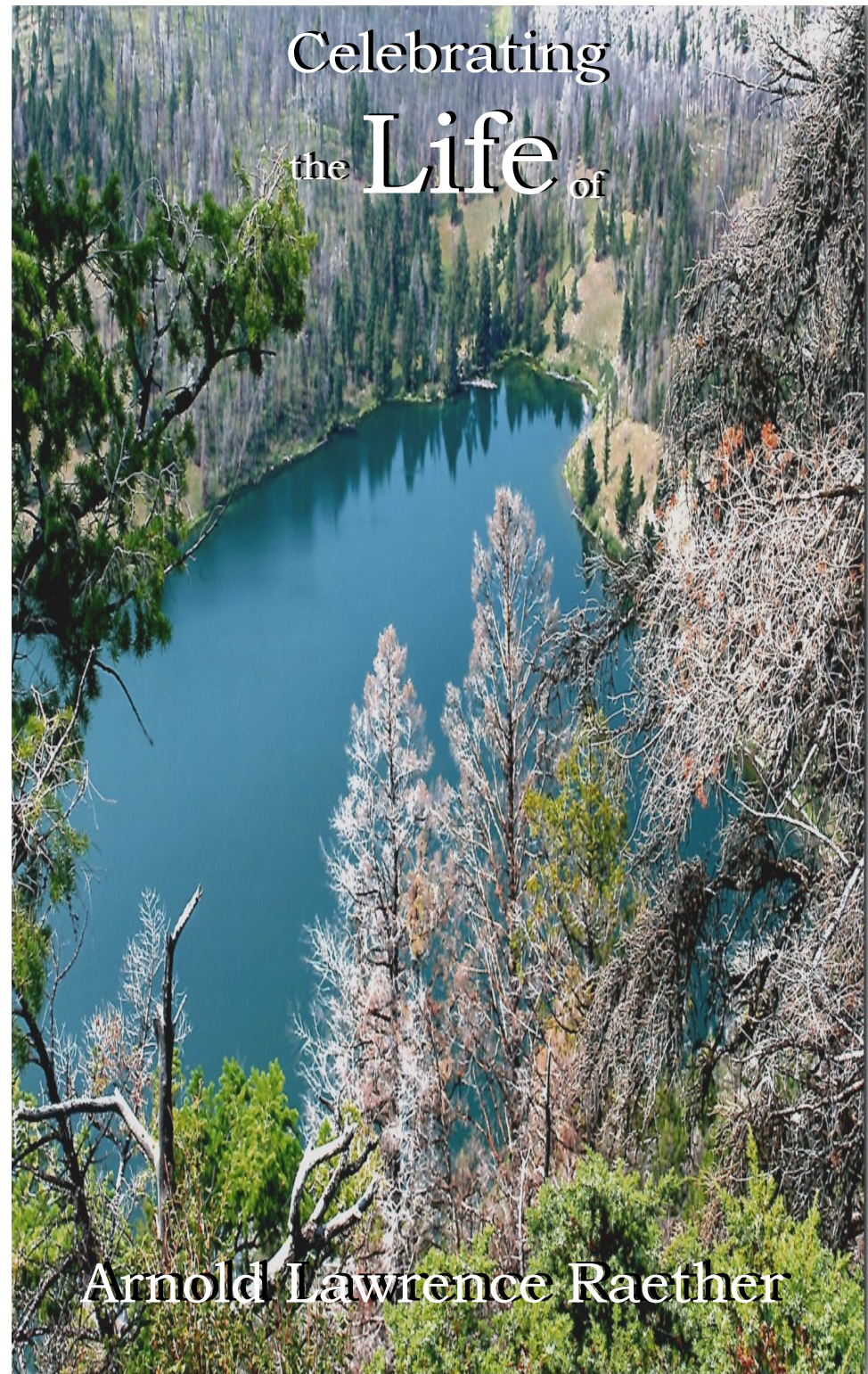
He married his soulmate, Kathy on July 24, 1998 in Eau Claire, WI. From their first kiss to his last breath, they were inseparable, and the love they had for each other was one that others strive for in their own relationship. They resided in Eau Claire and Milwaukee, WI and St. Paul, MN until 2015, when they moved to Fergus Falls, MN.

Arnie enjoyed fishing, especially with John and Caleb, ice racing snowmobiling, writing poetry, and playing pool. He cherished spending time with Kathy, his children and grandchildren, as well as his friends at Marie's. He made friends wherever he went and enjoyed entertaining others with his antics. From disappearing from a room to reappear in an outlandish outfit, to showing up as Sasquatch, he kept everyone in stitches. If he wasn't making you laugh, he was making you cry with his heartfelt emotions. He was a kind soul, always there to offer support in your most difficult times. He will be greatly missed by all that knew and loved him.

Arnie is survived by his wife, Kathy; daughters, Amanda (John) Koutney, Alisha (Stephen) Rylander, Doneen DeLeon, Julie (Kevin) Boese, Sarah Sturtz (Eric Wolle) and Kristin Hoffman; sisters, Sylvia and Marce; brothers Loren (Judy), Duane; sisters in law Nancy and Lynnette (Gordy); mother in law Evelyn; grandchildren Ivy (John), Stori, Blayre, Via, Olivia, Harrison, Sam, Eliza, Tatum, Abbey, Conner, Taylor, Bear, Aubee, Everleigh, Chris, Caleb, and Callan; great granddaughters Harper and Eisley; many nieces, nephews and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents; brother, Don; father-in-law, Howard; brothers in law Rick and Ron; sister-in-law Linda and granddaughter Maddie.

Blessed be the Memory of Arnold Raether



A Letter from Heaven

*When tomorrow
Starts without me,
And I'm not here to see,
If the sun should rise
And find your eyes,
Filled with tears for me.*

*I wish so much
You wouldn't cry,
The way you did today,
While thinking of the many things,
We didn't get to say.*

*I know how much you love me,
As much as I love you,
And each time you think of me,
I now you'll miss me too.*

*When tomorrow starts without me,
Don't think we're far apart,
For every time you think of me,
I'm right there in your heart.*



In Loving Memory Of
Arnold Lawrence Raether
May 23, 1954 ~ September 13, 2024

Funeral Service

Tuesday, September 24, 2024 11:00am
Glende-Nilson Funeral Home
Fergus Falls, Minnesota

Officiating

Reverend Craig Palach

Music

Chris Hames
"Far Side of Jordan"

Congregational Hymns

"How Great Thou Art"
"Amazing Grace"

Appreciation

Arnold's family is grateful for your attendance at this service. Your many expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated. Please join family and friends for lunch and fellowship following the service.

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