

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.

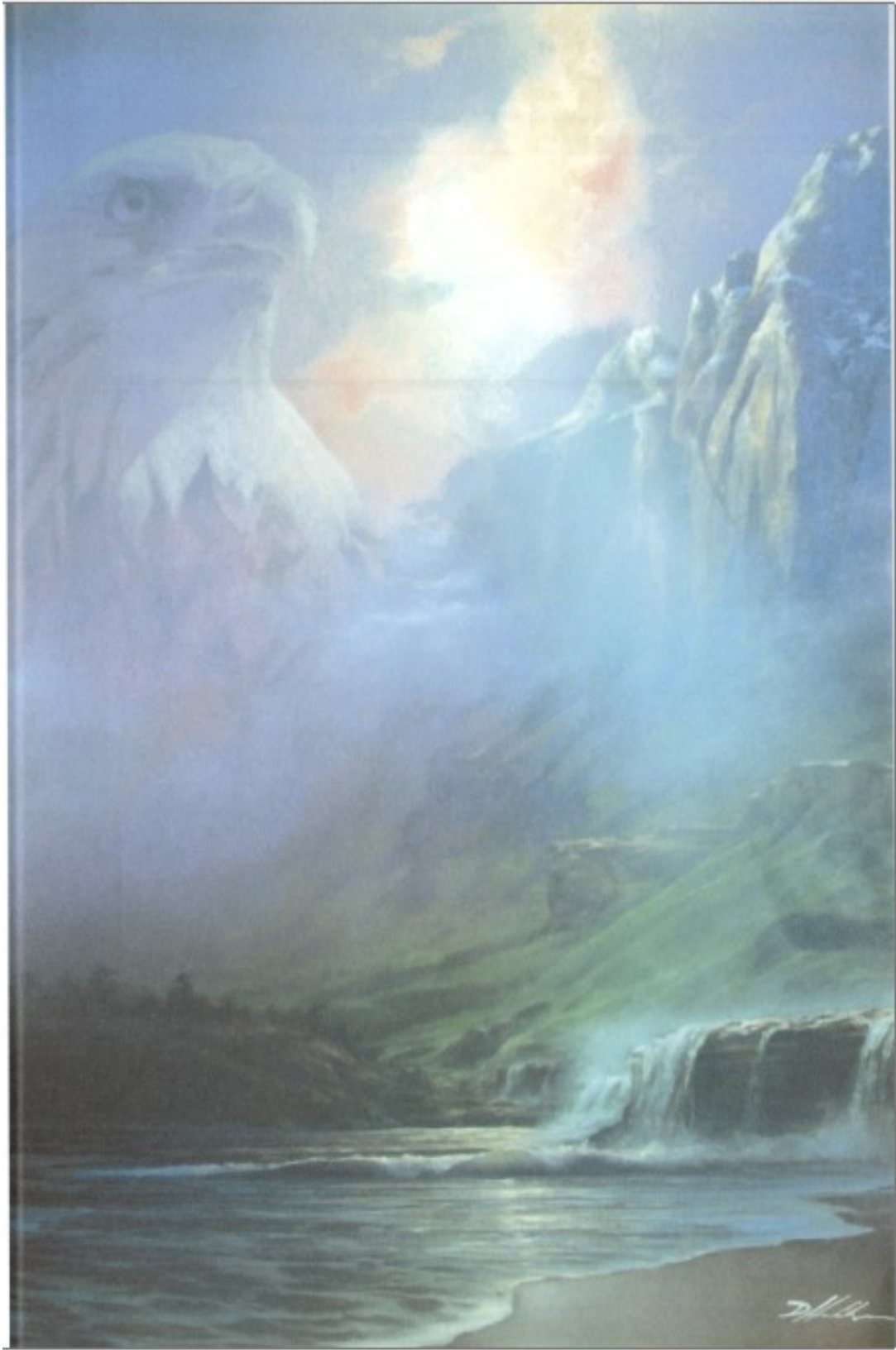
But when we saw you sleeping  
so peacefully, free from pain,

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.**



**David** was born on May 8, 1934, in a log home in Graceton, MN, between Warroad and Baudette, MN, to Louis and Jessie (Kozenek) Shockley. At age two, he moved to a farm near Doran, three miles east of Tyler, and attended country school there until the third grade when he began attending Doran school through the eighth grade. He graduated from Breckenridge High School in 1952. He worked in agriculture for local farmers before entering the United States Air Force from 1954 to 1958. He was stationed in Texas, Denver, and finally, Maine where he worked on bomb side and the navigation of planes known as Bomb-Nav.

Following his honorable discharge, he worked for the Kent-Doran elevator in their machine shop and sold Massey-Ferguson Combines for the company. On February 3, 1962, he was united in marriage to Judy Faye DeFries in Doran. They made their home in Northeast Minneapolis where Dave worked for Carter-Day. After six years, they relocated to Breckenridge where Dave worked for Wil-Rich for the next 31 years, finally retiring in 1999.

He was a member of the Eagles Club and Breckenridge Senior Citizens Association. Throughout the years, he enjoyed hunting and fishing trips. Gathering with friends and family for game nights and playing rounds of pinochle, whist, and poker were always a highlight. He could often be found tinkering in the garage or working outside in their yard and garden. Dave enjoyed spending time at the lake but his true joy was welcoming anytime spent with his family.

Dave will be deeply missed by his daughters, MaryJo (Richard) Meyer, of Tonka Bay, MN, Peggy (Warner) Kruger, of Breckenridge, and Sue (Todd) Differding, of Breckenridge; grandchildren, Tisha Kruger, Anthony Kruger, Brian (Jenna) Differding, Jesse Differding, Tanner Differding, Wyatt Differding, and Emily Differding; great-grandchildren, Ellie, Myles, Sidney, Naomi, and Scarlett; sister, Josephine Wehland; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Judy Shockley; parents, Louis and Jessie Shockley; and brothers, Swede and John.

I N L O V I N G  
*Memory*

DAVID "DAVE" SHOCKLEY



Born: May 8, 1934 • Graceton, Minnesota

Died: February 12, 2023 • Fergus Falls, Minnesota

### FUNERAL SERVICE

Vertin-Munson Funeral Home

Wahpeton, North Dakota

11:00 a.m., Friday, February 17, 2023

### PARTICIPANTS

Pastor Kelly Hart, Celebrant

Wilkin Honor Guard, Local Military Honors

United States Airforce Honors, National Military Honors

### PALLBEARERS

All of Dave's Loving Grandchildren

### SPECIAL MUSIC

How Great Thou Art

Go Rest High on That Mountain • In the Garden

### BURIAL AT A LATER DATE

Riverside Cemetery

Breckenridge, Minnesota

*The family wishes to express their gratitude for your kind expressions of sympathy and for honoring Dave with your presence at the service.*