

John Claude Terwilliger was born on December 13, 1950, in Long Prairie, Minnesota to Lawrence and Lillian (Hineline) Terwilliger. He graduated from Sauk Centre High School in 1969 and attended Alexandria Technical School for Carpentry. John started working for a construction company in Brainerd and built his home in Garrison. He later built his parent's home on Fairy Lake in Sauk Centre.

John then worked for a time at Spanier Cabinets out of Melrose, before starting his own company with JCT Construction, with his main focus being on custom cabinetry. He built his home and shop on his property north of Melrose. John's life work was woodworking, and he was very detailed in his craft and was known for being a perfectionist.

John loved spearing and was a member of the Dark House and Angling Association. He also enjoyed deer hunting and was a life member of the Deer Hunters Chapter in Sauk Centre. John was a member of First Lutheran Church in Sauk Centre and was honored to make the altar, pulpit and lectern that are still being used today. One of his favorite memories was taking an Alaskan Cruise trip to Alaska with his girls.

John died on Sunday, January 2, 2022, at his home in rural Melrose at the age of 71. He is survived by his daughters, Kristie Terwilliger of Hoffman and Kelly (Ryan Abbott) Terwilliger of Kemah, TX; grandsons, Liam, Tanner and Trevin; brother, Glen Terwilliger of Sauk Centre; sister, Karin Wessel of Sauk Rapids and many nieces and nephews. John is preceded in death by his parents, Lawrence and Lillian; and sister, Ila Stepniak.

## In Loving Memory



## John C. Terwilliger 1950 ~ 2022

### *The Day God Called You Home*

*God looked around His garden  
and found an empty space.*

*Then He looked down upon the earth  
and saw your tired face.*

*He put his arms around you,  
lifted you to rest.*

*God's garden must be beautiful,  
for He only takes the best.*

*He knew that you were suffering.  
He knew you were in pain.*

*He saw the road was getting rough,  
and the hills were hard to climb.*

*So He closed your weary eyes,  
and whispered, "Peace be thine".*

*It broke our hearts to lose you,  
but you did not go alone.*

*For part of us went with you,  
the day God called you home.*

*In Memory of*

### **John Claude Terwilliger**

December 13, 1950



January 2, 2022

**Memorial Service**  
First Lutheran Church  
Sauk Centre,  
Minnesota  
Sat, January 8, 2022  
11:00 AM



#### **Officiant**

Reverend Becky Thomas

#### **Organist**

Diane Knutson

#### **Honorary Urn Bearers**

(John's Grandsons)

Liam Abbott

Tanner and Trevin Nessman

(John's Great Nephews)

Garrett and Jaden Terwilliger

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The family would like to thank everyone for your attendance today along with the love and support to their family.

Please stay after the service for a lunch and time of fellowship