



Because You Loved Me

*You were my strength when I was weak,
You were my voice when I couldn't speak,
You were my eyes when I couldn't see,
You saw the best there was in me.
Lifted me up when I couldn't reach;
You gave me faith 'coz you believed.
I'm everything I am
Because you loved me.*

*I lost my faith, you gave it back to me.
You said no star was out of reach.
You stood by me and I stood tall,
I had your love I had it all.
I'm grateful for each day you gave me;
Maybe I don't know that much
But I know this much is true-
I was blessed because I was loved by you.*

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Richard Galen Anderson

WHO WAS BORN

May 8, 1948
Graceville, Minnesota

AND CALLED TO HIS ETERNAL HOME

May 4, 2023
Ortonville, Minnesota

FUNERAL SERVICE

Tuesday, May 9, 2023 - 11:00 a.m.
First English Lutheran Church
Ortonville, Minnesota

OFFICIANT

Reverend Denise Fossen

MUSICIANS

Kathy Haukos, Organist
Jim Foster, Vocalist

CASKET BEARERS

James "Jimmy" Nitz | James "JD" Nitz | Ronnie Nitz
Dennis Murray | Dean Murray | Nate Foster

HONORARY BEARERS

Zackary Anderson | Matthew Wendell | Lucas Wendell
Riley Anderson | Brock Anderson
Kirstin Andersen | Cameron Anderson

INTERMENT

Trinity Lutheran Cemetery
Odessa, Minnesota

APPRECIATION

Richard's family is grateful for your attendance at this service.
Your many expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated. Following the service, please join the family for food and fellowship in the church fellowship hall.

Mundwiler and Larson Funeral Home - Ortonville, Minnesota

Richard Galen Anderson was born on May 8, 1948, in Graceville, MN, to Arnold and Mary (Dwyer) Anderson. He grew up in the Graceville area and attended school there.

Always a hard worker and working in construction, Richard worked for Job Corps for a couple of years then went to work for Paulson Brothers. He also worked at the power plant in Big Stone City, SD, then moved to western South Dakota and worked at the cement plant in Rapid City. Richard returned to Minnesota and worked at Saputo Cheese until he retired.

Richard's smile and personality would light up any room he walked into. He enjoyed playing on both pool and dart leagues. He could spend hours playing cards, especially Cribbage, with family and friends. Richard cherished the time he spent with his grandchildren, he really loved watching them play sports.

Surviving Richard are his children: Ricky (Jennifer) Anderson of Ortonville, MN; Jeff (Bridget) Anderson of Milbank, SD; and Billie (Nicholas) Wendell of Linden, MI; seven grandchildren: Kirstin Andersen, Cameron Anderson, Riley Anderson, Brock Anderson, Zackary Anderson, Matthew Wendell, and Lucas Wendell; siblings: Diane Laub of Ortonville, MN; Melody (David) Steffes of Waite Park, MN; Darrel "Pug" (Doris) Anderson of Glenwood, MN; Douglas Anderson of Ortonville, MN; and Billy (Deb) McDonnell of Elizabethtown, KY; along with many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Sharon; son, Scott; brother, Joe; and sisters: Barb, Patsy, Arlene, Karen, Connie, and Linda.

In Loving Memory



*THOSE WHO HOPE IN THE LORD WILL RENEW THEIR
STRENGTH. THEY WILL SOAR ON WINGS LIKE EAGLES;
THEY WILL RUN AND NOT GROW WEARY,
THEY WILL WALK AND NOT BE FAINT.*

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