

Alfred "Al" Dale Glaeseman, the son of Julius and Helene (Bliesner) Glaeseman, was born in Springfield, IL on August 22, 1952. He was baptized at St. John's Lutheran Church in New Berlin, IL. The family then moved to West Miltona, MN where he was confirmed at St. Paul's Lutheran. He graduated from Parkers Prairie High School in 1970.

Al continued his education and completed his Associates Degree at Minnesota State University Moorhead where he met Cathie (Lovold). They married in Lake Park, MN on February 10, 1973 at Lake Park Lutheran. Soon thereafter Al enlisted in the Army and served for two years overseas in the Netherlands and Germany. After being honorably discharged Al and Cathie laid roots in Alexandria, MN and raised three children: Kari, Makayla, and Kevin.

Al's eclectic career began in the kitchen at Arrowwood Resort where he developed his lifelong passion for cooking and exploring new recipes. He transitioned into banking as a loan officer where he found a real purpose in helping others fulfill their own goals and ambitions. This led him to more than 20 years working for the Douglas County HRA, where he became the Executive Director in 2021.

On the family farm is where Al's love for horticulture blossomed and continued throughout his life. He was an active member of the Douglas County Master Gardners' Club and involved in enhancing the community with various gardening projects. One of his greatest pleasures was sharing his love and knowledge with his grandchildren, shepherding them through his flowers and gardens or picking cherries from the tree. He enjoyed judging 4-H and open entries at county fairs throughout Minnesota. Al was always interested in MN trains and depots; he particularly liked The Great Northern Railway and the Soo Line. He enjoyed attending train conferences and collecting train memorabilia. Al was also involved in the West Central Community Action for more than 16 years. He lobbied for the people of West Central Minnesota helping them to overcome poverty and achieve their full potential locally as well as in Washington D.C. After working at the HRA or in his garden, he enjoyed watching Prairie Home and Garden with Molly cuddled on his lap.

Alfred died at the age of 69 on Monday, August 1, 2022 in Alexandria, MN at his home. He is survived by his wife Cathie and his children, Kari (Jeff) Lettow and sons Jacob and Carson; Makayla (Chris) Pappas and daughter Madyson; and Kevin (Courtney) Glaeseman of Golden Valley, MN and sons and daughter Cooper, Theodore, and Hazel.

two brothers Kurt (Mary) and David (Judy) and their families. He was preceded in death by his father Julius, mother Helene, stepmother Nellie, and sister Carol.

## **I'm Free**

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,  
I'm following the path God laid for me.*

*I took his hand when I heard his call,  
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day,  
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I've found that peace at the close of the day.*

*If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My Life's been full, I savored much,  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch,  
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free.*

*In Loving Memory of*

**Alfred "Al"  
Glaeseman**

August 22, 1952



August 1, 2022



### **Funeral Service**

Zion Lutheran Church

Alexandria, Minnesota

Saturday, August 6, 2022, 11:00 AM

### **Officiant**

Pastor Don Wilke

### **Pianist**

Brenda Haar

### **Soloists**

Jeff & Lucy Roste

### **Military Honors By**

American Legion Post #87

VFW Post #936

VVA Post Rifle Squad #235

Marine Corp League #1409

Minnesota National Funeral Honor Guard

### **Burial**

St. Paul's Cemetery

Miltona, Minnesota

### **Arrangements**

Anderson Funeral Home - Alexandria, Minnesota