

James L. "Jim" Rislund, age 86, of Detroit Lakes, formerly of rural Waubun, MN, entered eternal life on January 17, 2024, at Bethany Retirement Living in Fargo, ND.

Jim was born to Alvin and Mabel (Olson) Rislund on September 10, 1937, in Audubon, MN. Following high school graduation, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Germany. Jim moved to the Twin Cities following his military service and began a career in the drywall business, where he worked for 26 years.

On June 6, 1961, Jim married Hattie (Olander), and together they raised five children. They made their home in Minnetonka for 28 years before moving to Tulaby Lake in 1986. Jim was a devoted member of the Elbow-Tulaby Lakes Volunteer Fire Department, serving as assistant chief for many years, and proud to have achieved his "quarter-century firefighter" status.

Jim was a man of many talents and hobbies. As an avid outdoorsman, he loved hunting, fishing, and snowmobiling. He had a passion for woodworking, gifting many of his projects to his children and grandchildren. Jim was a skilled craftsman who could fix anything and kept busy problem-solving, designing, building, and tinkering. Jim and Hattie loved visitors and never passed up the opportunity to welcome them in for coffee, cookies, and conversation. He will be fondly remembered for his kindness, generosity, and willingness to help everyone, especially his Tulaby Lake neighbors.

Jim will be greatly missed by his children: Mike (Paulette) Rislund, Cindy Lu (Kenley) Merrill, and Sherri (Ed) Houdek; his grandchildren: Bryan (Julie) Rislund, Chad (Jenni) Rislund, Adam Rislund (Lisa), Kate (Shaun) Werner, Tiffany (Tad) Blackwell, Tammy (Jimmy) Melland, Shawn (Bekka) Merrill, Jaime Kordonowy, and Jeff (Caroline) Houdek. He leaves 13 great-grandchildren along with his brothers, Durland (Shirley) Rislund, and Larry (Rita) Rislund; sister, Marlene Rislund; and sisters-in-law, Mary Rislund and Carol Olander. Jim is survived by nieces, nephews, other relatives, and many friends.

Jim is greeted in Heaven by his parents, wife, Hattie; son, Miles Rislund; daughter, Jeanne Houdek; brother, Curt Rislund; and brother-in-law, Lindy Olander.

A special thank you to Bethany Retirement Living and Sanford Medical Center & Hospice, Fargo for their compassionate care and concern for Jim.

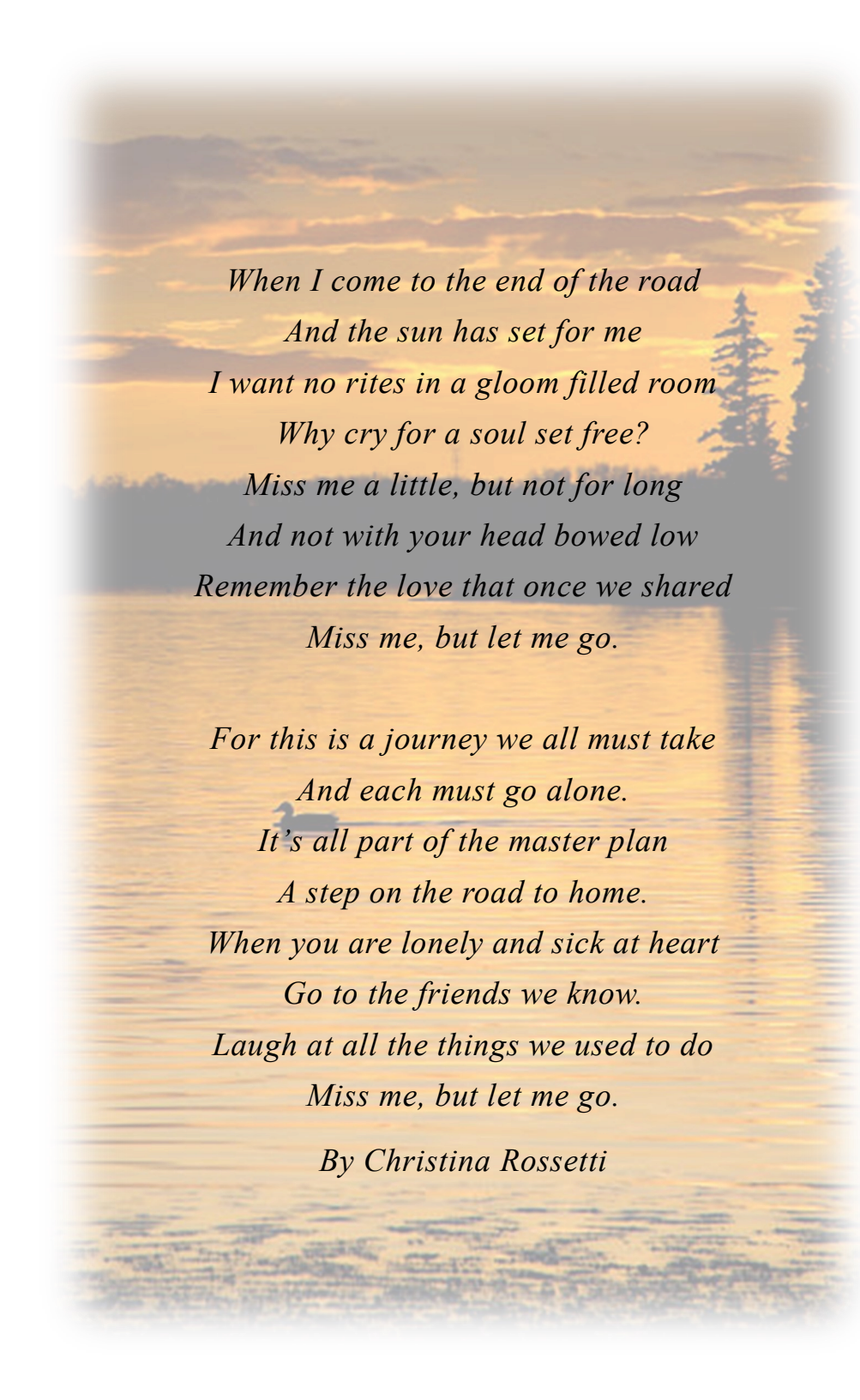
In lieu of flowers, please honor Jim's memory with a memorial donation to the family. Your gift will be forwarded to the Elbow-Tulaby Lakes Volunteer Fire Department.

In Loving

MEMORY



Jim Rislund



*When I come to the end of the road
And the sun has set for me
I want no rites in a gloom filled room
Why cry for a soul set free?
Miss me a little, but not for long
And not with your head bowed low
Remember the love that once we shared
Miss me, but let me go.*

*For this is a journey we all must take
And each must go alone.
It's all part of the master plan
A step on the road to home.
When you are lonely and sick at heart
Go to the friends we know.
Laugh at all the things we used to do
Miss me, but let me go.*

By Christina Rossetti

James L. Rislund

September 10, 1937~Audubon, Minnesota
January 17, 2024~Fargo, North Dakota

Memorial Service

Saturday, February 9, 2024 ~ 1:00 p.m.
St. Peter's Lutheran Church
Audubon, Minnesota

Officiated by
Pastor Mark Kiser

Readings

Psalm 23 ~ Tammy Melland
Timothy 4:6-8 ~ Rita Rislund
John 14:1-6 ~ Pastor Mark

Musical Selections

"The Old Rugged Cross" - Insert
"On Eagle's Wings" - #787
"How Great Thou Art" - #856
"Amazing Grace" - #779

Honorary Urn Bearers
James' Grandchildren

Interment
St. Peter's Lutheran Cemetery
Audubon, Minnesota

Arrangements by
West-Kjos Funeral Home
Detroit Lakes, Minnesota