

Remembering the life of...

Theodore or Ted as he was known by his numerous friends and family, was born on January 23, 1938. He was the second son of the four boys born to Herrillis A. and Evelyn A. (Borstad) Shaffer in Maddock, North Dakota. Bored with school, he left without graduating to help his uncles Archie and Blanding Borstad on their farms near Devils Lake. He later enlisted in the Navy but was discharged shortly after they discovered he had rheumatic fever as a child. He was a very talented young artist and hoped for a career in the art community but with his limited education, he did not pursue his dreams. He always regretted not finishing his education and later he enrolled in evening adult education classes to improve his reading and writing skills which came in handy as he worked his way through life supporting his family.

He worked in construction for several years and later became an entrepreneur when he owned his own used car and repair shop as well as a taxi service. He had more friends than you could count and would literally give the shirt off his back for someone in need. Above all Ted loved his family and was a devoted husband, father and brother.

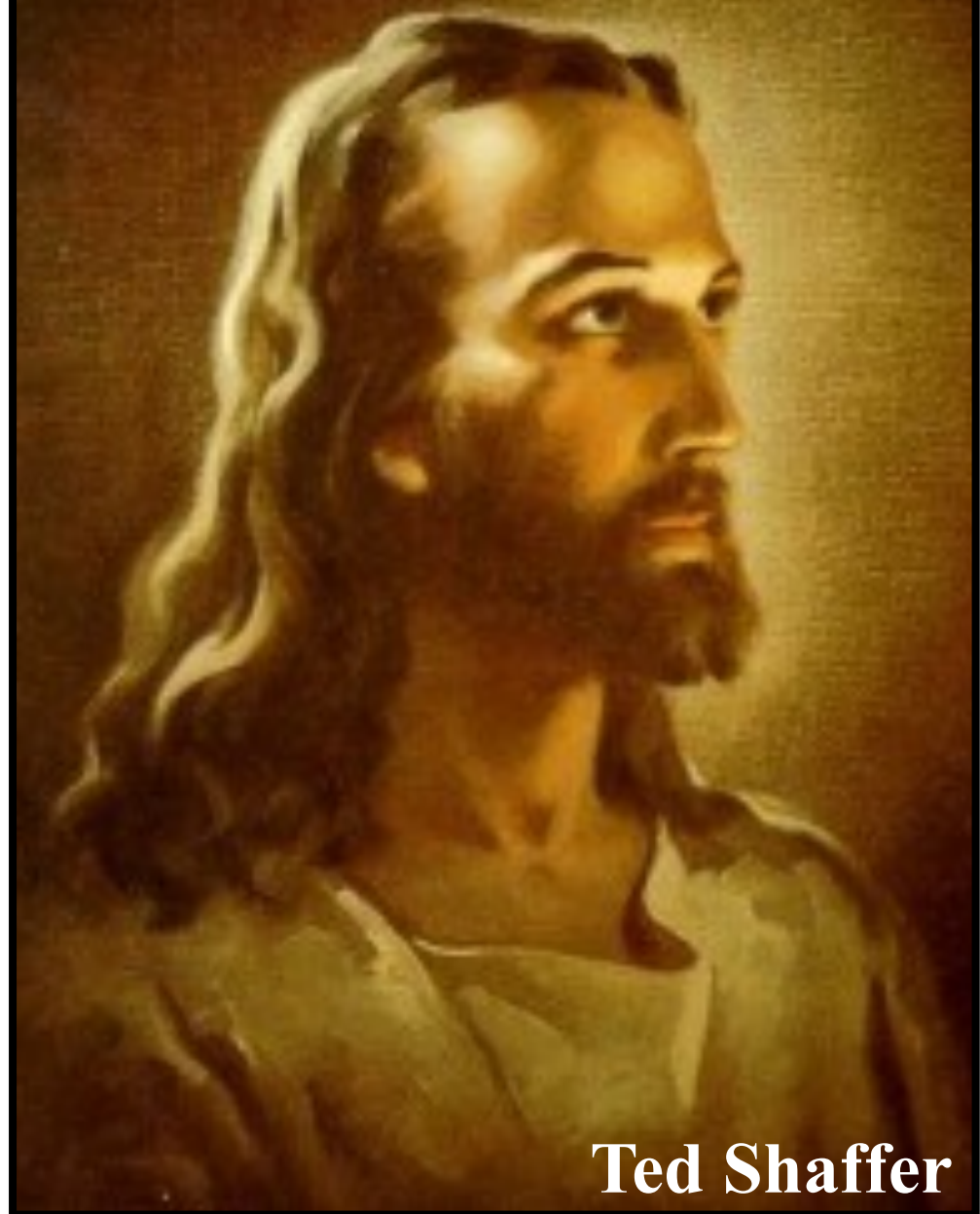
He married Frances Martin Shaffer on July 21, 1962, whose husband had recently died in a car accident. They had three children, Terry, Lisa and Linda Holtz, whom he loved as his own. Together Ted and Francis had two sons Joseph and Ted Junior, which was the start of a very extended family of children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Ted was preceded in death by his parents, wife Frances, daughter Linda, brothers Herrillis (Bill/Sonny) and William (Billy).

He is survived by his children Terry (Lori) of Nevada, Lisa and Joseph, both of Devils Lake, Ted Jr. of Fargo and brother John (YoYo), of Florida. He is also survived by several nephews, nieces, grandchildren and great grandchildren scattered around the county,

Ted's family would like to thank all those who have shared their thoughts, prayers, and memories with us. Ted will never be forgotten and will live in our lives with pleasant memories knowing he has deserved his everlasting life in heaven with Frances and other family.

In Loving Memory





*Forever Loved, Forever Missed,
Forever In Our Hearts*
Theodore Haakon Ivan Shaffer

January 23, 1938 ~ May 23, 2024

GATHERING OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Gilbertson Funeral Home Chapel

Devils Lake, North Dakota

Thursday, May 30, 2024 from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

St. Joseph Catholic Church

Devils Lake, North Dakota

Friday, May 31, 2024 ~ 10:00 a.m.

CELEBRANT

Reverend Paul Schuster

Pastor, St. Michael's Catholic Church

Assisted by: Reverend Mr. Ken Severinson, Deacon

SPECIAL MUSIC

Patty Cote

LECTOR

John Shaffer

GIFT BEARERS

Linda Reese, Courtney Fry, Ted Shaffer Jr., Becky Shaffer

CASKET BEARERS

Chris Christie ~ Frankie Reese ~ Andrew Reese

Mark Nygard ~ Theodore Shaffer III ~ John Held

EARTHLY PLACE OF REST

St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery

Beside his precious Frances

Devils Lake, North Dakota

As Ted's family, we thank you so much for your many acts of kindness and prayerful support these past months. Please join us for fellowship at the Parish Center following the burial.

TODAY

My body no longer tired, no longer sore.

Today is the day I suffer no more.

Do not worry for me, today worrying ends.

I live through love of family and love of friends.

So hold in your heart this memory of mine.

The rain will pass and the sun will shine.

For this life that we live will surely fade,

With problems we've faced and plans that we've made.

And when the gates of Heaven call,

Keep in mind; love survives us all.