



Arlyn Dale Boersma was born in Sioux City, Iowa to Virginia Fields and then adopted by Ted and Coba (Van Sloten) Boersma of Doon, Iowa where he lived until he married Shirley Huenink on February 18, 1966. He then enlisted in the Army National Guard at Le Mars, Iowa, and was called to serve in Vietnam where he was exposed to Agent Orange, and he battled exposure symptoms the rest of his life. Arlyn earned a Purple Heart for being wounded in combat there.

When he returned home from duty, he farmed with his father-in-law and later moved to the family farm of his father near Doon. Arlyn farmed there along with doing custom work and building and remodeling homes for 40 plus years. Arlyn and Shirley then moved to Rock Valley, Iowa and built a home. Arlyn then worked as the head of maintenance in Boyden, Iowa at SIG International Iowa Inc and in Hospers, Iowa at Premium Iowa Pork. He enjoyed working with his bosses from Japan and Taiwan. Later he worked at Town and Country Implement in Rock Valley.

When Arlyn fully retired, he took to his shop in the basement and did wood-working and fixed things. In his spare time he enjoyed fishing, hunting, camping, and going on bus trips.

Arlyn had the honor of going on the first Midwest Honor Flight to Washington D.C which left a great impact of remembering his time serving his country with respect and honor. He attended the First Reformed Church of Doon for most of his life. There he served as elder, deacon, youth leader, and was on the classis board several times. When he moved to Rock Valley, he attended the First Reformed Church there.

Arlyn passed away Saturday, November 25, 2023, at the age of 76 at Avera McKennan Hospital of Sioux Falls, South Dakota after spending almost two months there. Arlyn is now living pain free and with Jesus. He will certainly be missed until he is joined, one by one, with his family in Heaven. Rest in Peace.

Those he leaves behind are his wife of 57 years, Shirley Boersma of Rock Valley; 2 children, Tamara Flier and Troy (Trish) Boersma, both of Rock Valley; 7 grandchildren, Nicole (Cory) Panzica of Norwood, Missouri, Brittany (Kevin) Bittle of Nixa, Missouri, Christopher (Brittany) Flier of Ozark, Missouri, Justice (Krissy) Boersma of Longview, Texas, Blake (Kimberly) Boersma of Lester, Iowa, Makenzie Boersma of Iowa City, Iowa, and Denver Boersma of Rock Valley; 7 great-grandchildren, Hayden, Jaxon, Savannah, Brooklyn, Peyton, Atlas, and Grayson; sisters, Janet Boersma of Sioux Falls, South Dakota and Rosie Fields of Davenport, Iowa; siblings-in-law, Barb and Curt Nieuwsma of Herreid, South Dakota, Diane and Bob Smith of Hawarden, Iowa, and Ivan and Teresa Huenink of Ireton, Iowa; and many nieces and nephews.

Arlyn was preceded in death by his parents, Ted and Coba Boersma; parents-in-law, Wilbur and Henrietta Huenink; birth mother, Virginia Fields; sisters, Alice, Susie, and Cheryl; and niece, Alice.

## *Remembering the Life of* **Arlyn Boersma** *1947 ~ 2023*

### **FUNERAL SERVICE**

10:00 AM, Saturday, December 2, 2023  
First Reformed Church  
Rock Valley, Iowa

### **OFFICIATING**

Pastor Cliff Hoekstra

### **ORGANIST**

Ruth Vande Stroet

### **TRIBUTES FROM GRANDCHILDREN**

#### **MUSICAL SELECTIONS**

*"In the Garden"*  
The Oak Ridge Boys  
*"Have Thine Own Way, Lord"*  
The Haven Quartet  
*"How Great Thou Art"*  
Josh Turner

#### **PALLBEARERS**

Christopher Flier ~ Justice Boersma  
Blake Boersma ~ Kenzie Boersma  
Denver Boersma ~ Cory Panzica

#### **MEMORIAL**

Midwest Honor Flight

#### **MILITARY RITES**

Rock Valley American Legion Post 321  
Doon American Legion Post 476

#### **INTERMENT**

Hillside Cemetery  
Doon, Iowa

*Arlyn's family invites everyone to join them for the committal service at Hillside Cemetery or you may remain at the church and join the family for a time of food and fellowship upon their return from the cemetery.*



# God's Promises

*God gives grace for each trial,  
and courage for each sorrow,  
and faith to face in confidence  
A blessed, bright tomorrow.*



# In Loving Memory



*Arlyn Dale Boersma*  
*January 23, 1947 ~ November 25, 2023*