



Brett Allan Venema was born on February 6, 1959, in Austin, Minnesota, the son of William “Bill” and Patricia “Pat” (Butler) Venema. He grew up and received his education in Austin. For over 20 years, Brett was self-employed installing flooring along with his father. On September 23, 1978, he was married to Deborah Dodds and they made their home in Grand Rapids. In 1986, they moved to Minneapolis. In 1988, they moved to the Raymond community and were divorced in 2002. Brett worked as a cabinet maker for Gary’s Cabinets in Prinsburg until his retirement in 2009, due to health reasons. Brett served for many years on the Raymond City Council and was instrumental in the new Raymond Golf Course. His hobbies included hunting, fishing, golfing, woodworking and sports. He was an avid fan of the Minnesota Vikings, Twins and Wild. Brett also enjoyed competitive duck and goose calling contests as a youth and young adult, which he and his brothers won many competitions. He will be remembered for someone that was easy to talk to and had a good sense of humor.

He is survived by his two daughters, Stacy (and Chris) Hanson of Dodge Center and April (and Jacob) Dean of Claremont; five grandchildren, Kye and Kale Hanson and Adriana, Autumn and Avery Dean. Also surviving is his mother, Pat Jorstad of Grand Rapids; three brothers, Steve (and Tina) Venema of Grand Rapids, Todd (and Desaree) Venema of Colorado Springs, CO., and Casey (and Kim) Venema of Bovey; and special friends, Pam Haugen and the Wassink family, besides other relatives and many other friends.



He was preceded in death by his father and his grandparents.

Celebrating the Life of



Brett A. Venema

1959 - 2022

**FOR THOSE I LOVE
FOR THOSE WHO LOVE ME**

When I am gone, release me, let me go---

I have so many things to see and do.

You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears,

Be happy that we had so many years.

I gave you my love. You can only guess

How much you gave me in happiness.

I thank you for the love you each have shown,

But now it's time I traveled on alone!

So grieve a while for me, if grieve you must.

Then let your grief be comforted by trust.

It's only for a while that we must part,

So bless the memories that lie within your heart.

I won't be far away, for life goes on.

So if you need me, call and I will come.

Though you can't see me or touch me, I'll be near,

And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear

All of my love around you soft and clear.

And then, when you must come this way alone---

I'll greet you with a smile and say

"WELCOME HOME".

Arrangements By
Peterson Brothers Funeral Home
"Celebrating A Life Remembered"

In Loving Memory Of

Brett A. Venema

February 6, 1959

Austin, Minnesota

March 24, 2022

St. Cloud, Minnesota

Celebration of Life Service

Wednesday, March 30, 2022 - 11:00 a.m.

Raymond Christian Reformed Church

Raymond, Minnesota

Prelude

Aimee TeBrake

Family Processional

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Comfort From God's Word

Song of Worship *"In The Garden"*

Remembrances

Prayer of Comfort

Scripture Reading Psalm 23

Meditation *"Finding Our Way Through"* Pastor Steve Zwart

Prayer

Song of Worship *"On Eagles Wings"*

Committal into the Hands of God

Benediction

Family Recessional *"Amazing Grace" (Chris Tomlin)*

Postlude

Casketbearers

Bill Venema Eric Venema Nicholas Venema

Kye Hanson Brady Bratsch Travis Wassink

Summer Interment

Fairview Cemetery
Raymond, Minnesota