

Edward Warren Van Der Brink was born March 9, 1947, in Le Mars, Iowa, the son of Frank and Johanna (Kuiper) Van Der Brink. He grew up in Fairview, South Dakota, Rock Valley, and Doon, Iowa. He married Linda Den Besten on September 9, 1966. Edward was drafted into the United States Army during the Vietnam War and served for years 1968-1969.

Edward and Linda resided around Alvord, Iowa for most of their married life. Edward valued hard work as he started Hay Hauling and Van Der Brink Trucking where he and Linda drove trucks cross

country. They drove for 30 years, and Edward was a dispatcher for 10 years. Together they drove over 10 million miles.

Edward was always helping others and doing good deeds in the community of Alvord. He received the Purple Heart and Bronze Star for his service in the United States Army and a most memorable moment was with the Midwest Honor Flight Mission #7 in September of 2021. He was strong in his faith and attended the First Reformed Church in Inwood, loved to be outdoors, and dearly loved his family and being together. He will be remembered as being hard working and caring for others. Edward passed away on Tuesday, August 20, 2024, at Fellowship Village in Inwood, Iowa at the age of 77.

Edward is survived by his wife, Linda; 2 sons, Keith and Cheryl (Fluit) Van Der Brink and Scott and Amy (Vlastuin) Van Der Brink; grandkids, Brett and JoAnn Van Der Brink, Alisha and Tony James, Morgan and Karsten Marker, Jacob Van Der Brink, and Chris Van Der Brink; great-grandkids, Stella and Edward Van Der Brink, Brodix and Bexlee James, and Blakely and Baby Marker; and his siblings, Frieda (Van Der Brink) and Len Rozeboom, John and Mary (Greendyke) Van Der Brink, Dwayne and Doris (Groeneweg) Van Der Brink, and Floyd and Leah (Van Tilburg) Van Der Brink.

Edward was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Wilma Van Der Brink; brother-in-law, Harlan "Butch" Den Besten and in-laws, Willimina and John Den Besten.

# Remembering the Life of Edward Warren Van Der Brink

March 9, 1947 ~ August 20, 2024

#### **FUNERAL SERVICE**

10:30 AM, Monday, August 26, 2024 First Reformed Church Inwood, Iowa

#### **OFFICIANT**

Rev. Rob Horstman

#### **ACCOMPANIST**

Alisha Roozenboom

#### **CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS**

"Amazing Grace"
"How Great Thou Art"

#### **MUSICAL SELECTIONS**

"You Raise Me Up"
Recorded by: Josh Groban
"It Is Well With My Soul"
Recorded by: Bill & Gloria Gaither

#### **PALLBEARERS**

Tony James ~ Karsten Marker Brett Van Der Brink ~ Jacob Van Der Brink Chris Van Der Brink ~ Mike Rozeboom

#### **HONORARY PALLBEARERS**

Edward Van Der Brink ~ Brodix James

#### MILITARY RITES

American Legion Dick De Boer Post #704, Alvord, Iowa Iowa Army Honor Guard

#### **INTERMENT**

Christ Lutheran Cemetery Alvord, Iowa

Ed's family invites everyone to the Alvord Community Center following the committal service at the cemetery for a time of food and fellowship.

## Psalm 91

Whoever dwells in the shelter
of the Most High
will rest in the shadow
of the Almighty.
I will say of the Lord,
"He is my refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust."



### In Loving Memory



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