

Donald Walter Rose was born April, 30 1936 in Reeder, North Dakota to Walter and Muriel (Krause) Rose. He graduated from Hettinger High School in 1954. He enlisted into the United States Army on February 15, 1954 and was honorably discharged on February 14, 1963. Don married Arlene Klein on November 9, 1956 in Mott, North Dakota. To this union, four children were born: Ronald, Cynthia, Cheryl and Dollyn. Don worked as a service manager for Fitch Motor Company before he started Don's Ford in New England in 1961. In the fall of 1975, along with the Ford garage, Don started running busses for the New England Public Schools and bought Four Roses, a service station run by his children. In 1991, Don began selling cars for his brother-in-law at RZ motors and made many long drives to buy from various car auctions. Later in life, Don delivered mail for the U.S. Postal Service and made many friends on his route. He was the ultimate handyman able to fix almost anything, whether working on vehicles, investing in real-estate to fix up and rent out, or drilling water wells, He loved a challenge. Don was very active in the community. He was a volunteer firefighter for Hettinger Co. and New England for over 50 years. He was also a member of the New England Lions Club, New England City Commission, Chamber of Commerce, and the Hettinger County JDA board. Don loved being out on his boat, fishing out of his pink and green van, and camping with his family. Don was known as a social butterfly and would make lifelong friends where-ever he went. Don is survived by his wife, Arlene of New England; children, Ronald (Candee) of Hettinger, Cindy (Jim) Gaddie of Warroad, MN, Cheryl (Joe) Hetzel of Mandan, Dollyn (Larry) Shinnaberry of New England; 14 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents; Walter and Muriel Rose; grandson, Brandon Shinnaberry; sister, Arlene Kellar; brother, Gerald Rose.



# IN LOVING MEMORY Donald Rose

April 30, 1936 - April 17, 2022



Don Rose

To many, he was a leader - a community pillar  
A volunteer firefighter, Lions member, and Ford dealer.  
A man who spent many miles behind the wheel,  
Whether delivering the mail or auctioning a deal.

It was those adventures that he shared plenty of laughs,  
The stories he told were often personal gaffes.  
There was never a dull moment with Don around,  
The impact he made was definitely profound.

More than a good person, he was a Grandpa to many.  
Whether fixing or fishing, the good times were plenty.  
With the bucket hat on, he would boat around the lake  
Tubing and water skiing with memories to make.

To his grandkids, he gave them their very first ride  
Those four wheels were each one's joy and pride  
His best gift will always be his very presence  
He was the best Grandpa in every essence.

To a select four that got to call him "Dad",  
He was the rock and support they definitely had.  
Four Roses was more than a service station  
It was whom he gave advice to - through conversation.

With his son, he would work on vehicles side by side  
To his daughters, he was there when they became brides.  
His character and persona for those four will be missed,  
He will be the center of stories that are reminisced.

There was one that knew him better than most  
His wife of sixty-five years, a long time, to boast  
The life they had, the time that they shared,  
Was seen by those that they loved and cared.

In Heaven, he will have his dirty workpants,  
While drinking a Pepsi in his pink and green van.  
He would want us to laugh and remember the campfires  
The memories made while riding on tires

No matter how we know this National Guards man  
His legacy will live, like none other one can  
We wait for the day to hear stories from above  
From the man, Donald Rose, that we all truly love.



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## **FUNERAL SERVICE:**

Thursday, April 21, 2022 9:00 a.m.  
Stevenson Funeral Home  
Dickinson, North Dakota

## **VISITATION:**

Wednesday, April 20, 2022 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church  
New England, North Dakota

## **OFFICIATING:**

Pastor Beth Parks

## **MUSIC:**

Mark Koller & Julie Updahl

## **PALLBEARERS:**

Kelly Hetzel	Michael Rose
Brice Shinnaberry	Mitchell Rose
Avery Bogner	Aiden Bogner

## **MILITARY HONORS:**

New England Anton Uljohn Post #66

## **INTERMENT:**

North Dakota Veterans Cemetery  
Mandan, North Dakota

## **ARRANGEMENTS BY:**

Stevenson Funeral Home  
Dickinson, North Dakota

*Donuts and coffee will be served in the  
fellowship room following the Military Rites.  
Everyone is welcome.*