

Andrew Julius Praus was born in Dickinson on July 29, 1945, the son of Vincent and Victoria (Pavliceck) Praus. Growing up on the family farm, he attended country school and helped on the farm until his entry into the US Army 1967. During his two year enlistment, Andy married Paulette Ridl on December 14, 1968. The couple was just days shy of their 53rd wedding anniversary. Andrew was honorably discharged in 1969 and was a lifelong member of the Veterans of Foreign War. Andy and Paulette made their home in the Dickinson area where they also raised three children. He worked various jobs before finding his career at Theodore Roosevelt National Park working in maintenance from 1986 until his retirement in 2013. Andy was a bit of a jokester and he enjoyed bringing home 'treasures' from countless auction sales. He loved playing around with his John Deere tractor in the snow and he enjoyed meals at Dakota Diner. Dancing polkas and waltzes, playing accordion, watching PBR and football, and playing cards were his favorite pastimes. Andy's grandchildren were the light of his life and he cherished family time. He loved going to the races with his son on Saturday nights, going fishing with Brandon and watching the grandkids dance. Many memories will be cherished. Andy is survived by his wife of 52 years, Paulette; daughters, Shelly (Tim) Flom of Las Vegas, NV, Nancy (Michael) Johnson of Dickinson; son, Scott (Donna Harris) Praus of Dickinson; seven grandchildren, Alexis (Zachary Breaz) Flom, Brandon Flom, Cassandra Johnson, Tiffany (Matt Stewart) Johnson, Emily Johnson, Rachel Praus, Serena Praus; siblings, Larry Praus of Dickinson, Lorraine Binstock of Mandan, Darlene (Gerald) Frederick of Taylor, David (Kathy) Praus of Dickinson, Julius (Vickie) Praus of Henderson, NV, Donna Jilek of Fargo, Leo (Janice) Praus of Richardton, Kenny (Marla) Praus of Dickinson, Gilbert (Nancy Bleth) Praus of Bismarck, Louis Praus of Stansbury Park, UT, Bernice Lovata of Gill, CO, Linda (Tom) Stockert of Mandan, Vincent (Ron Mase) Praus of Denver, Co; several nieces, nephews, and extended family. He was preceded in death by his parents Vincent and Victoria; brother, Marvin Praus and infant brother Joseph.



Andrew "Andy" Praus

July 29, 1945 - December 5, 2021





No More Words
By Cassandra Johnson

*There are no words to describe
the void that you have left.
You were one of the very best
and now our hearts are much bereft.*

*Accordion tunes will echo
long after you have gone.*

*Polkas and waltzes will have new meanings
at each new dawn.*

*"Apple, Peaches, Pumpkin Pie"
and "You are my Sunshine"*

*Are now your special ways
to send us your angel's sign.*

*Tractor rides and garden harvests
are memories of the past,*

*But card games and summer fishing
will hold your memory steadfast.*

*On holidays there will always be
a special place just for you*

*And your presupper snooze
will be a well-remembered preview.*

*We love and miss you, grandpa,
no matter the distance you have now crossed*

*Because heaven needed our hero
more than we could have ever thought.*

There are no more words left for me to say.

*Please know we cherished you
from near and far away*

*For your life and light touched us all
deeply in each and every way.*

Illustration by Alexis Flom



Andy Praus

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Tuesday, December 14, 2021 10:00 am
Stevenson Funeral Home
Dickinson, North Dakota

ROSARY & VIGIL:

Monday, December 13, 2021 6:00 pm
Stevenson Funeral Home
Dickinson, North Dakota
Rosary: Rick Marsh

OFFICIATING:

Deacon Ron Keller

READERS:

Mya Kuntz Linda Stockert

PALLBEARERS:

Brandon Flom Ryan Praus
Todd Frederick Tyus Praus
Matt Stockert John Praus
Ray Binstock Jr. James Praus

HONORARY PALLBEARERS:

Cassandra Johnson Rachel Praus
Tiffany Johnson Serena Praus
Emily Johnson Alexis Flom

MILITARY HONORS:

Dickinson American Legion
Post #3 Honor Guard

INTERMENT:

Tuesday, December 14, 2021 3:00 pm CT
North Dakota Veterans Cemetery
Mandan, North Dakota

ARRANGEMENTS BY:

Stevenson Funeral Home
Dickinson, North Dakota

*Lunch will be served in the fellowship room
following the Liturgy of the Word service.
Everyone is welcome.*