

Vertis A. Bonrud, 88, Dilworth, MN, passed Sunday, October 17 at his home.

Vertis Arthur Bonrud was born on December 25, 1932 in Flandreau, SD to Arthur and Florence (Hagedorn) Bonrud. He spent his early years in Flandreau and following his education, joined the U. S. Army where he was stationed in Alaska. Following his discharge, he returned to Flandreau. Vertis was united in marriage to Jean Ploehn, August 12, 1955 in Lake Park, MN. They lived in Flandreau for a short time prior to moving to Detroit Lakes, MN. He worked for the Minnesota Department of Transportation in Detroit Lakes before transferring to Dilworth, Mn in 1967 where Vertis continued to work for the Minnesota Department of Transportation. He retired in 1995 and began working at the MNDot scale, a job he held 1995 -2005. While working, Vertis did small engine and lawnmower repair out of his garage. He loved his time with his jobs and the people he worked with.

Vertis was a kind and gentle soul and a great Dad. He had a beautiful smile and great laugh. He enjoyed visiting with people. He also loved going for car rides around the area lakes with his daughter. We would enjoy looking for animals especially turkeys and deer. We would have fun getting “lost” and then finding out way back home. He enjoyed listening to music. We always had to have Willie's Roadhouse in the car. Vertis always wore his driving hat. He liked country music and listening to Polka Party. He also enjoyed eating at Pizza Ranch. With COVID, they delivered to him. He will be so missed.

Surviving him is his daughter, Kathy Sorensen of Brandon, SD, brother Don Smith (Ardis), sister-in-law Carol Ploehn, nephew David LaRoche, niece Debbie Barnes, niece Diane Waggoner and many extended family. Jean passed in 2018.

## *Remembering With Love*



*Vertis Arthur Bonrud*  
*1932–2021*

## I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God laid for me.

I took His hand when I heard Him call  
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day  
To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks undone must stay that way.  
I found that peace at close of day.

If my parting has left a void  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Ah, yes, these things I too will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I've savored much,  
Good friends, good times,  
A loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your hearts and share with me.

God wanted me now:  
He set me free

*Do not Grieve that he is gone...  
but give Thanks that he was with us.*



## In Loving Memory of Vertis A. Bonrud

December 25, 1932 - October 17, 2021

### Rosary

Thursday, October 21, 2021 ~ 12:30pm  
Diane Waggoner - Rosary

### Visitation

Thursday, October 21, 2021 ~ 1:00 - 2:00pm  
Diane Monk - Guitar Selections

### Mass of Christian Burial

Thursday, October 21, 2021 ~ 2:00 p.m.  
Holy Rosary Catholic Church ~ Detroit Lakes, Minnesota

### Officiant

Father Chuck Huck

### Special Music

April Spaeth, *Accompanist*

Joy Stone, *Cantor*

*"Amazing Grace"* #645

*"You Will Show Me the Path of Life"* #30

*"On Eagles Wings"* #691

*"One Bread, One Body"* #932

*"The Hand of God Shall Hold You"* #981

*"How Great Thou Art"* #578

### Pall Bearers

Eric Sundby Duane Hovelson Chad Olschlager  
Dennis Redig Dave Karsnia Father Chuck Huck

### Interment

Holy Rosary Cemetery  
Detroit Lakes, Minnesota