Robert E. Weiland was born in Framnas Township near Morris, MN, along with his twin, Ronald, on January 4, 1938, the son of Nicholas and Anna (Pusl) Weiland. Robert graduated from Hoffman High School in 1957, one year later than he should have because of an accident with a gravel truck that broke his leg and skull when he was 14.

He attended Moler Barber School in Minneapolis and opened a barber shop in Hoffman in 1960, when haircuts were \$1.25. In the mid 90's, he bought out another barber shop in Hancock. He then worked three days in Hoffman and three days in Hancock cutting hair. Robert served in the United States Army for two years as a military policeman.

In 1962, he met Carolyn Kraemer. On November 28, 1964 Robert and Carolyn were joined in marriage. They made their home near Hoffman where they were blessed with three children. In addition to barbering, Robert also raised livestock for just a few years and then rented out his farm property. He also drove school bus. Robert and Carolyn were longtime members of the Hoffman community. In 2000, they moved to the Holmes City area. In 2011, Robert suffered a stroke and eventually moved to Alexandria.

Robert enjoyed doing woodworking. He planted many trees and cut trees. He was not one to allow weeds amongst his trees; he kept a very neat farm. He enjoyed doing crossword puzzles (always asking people to join him) and listening to music. Robert liked learning and spent time reading all kinds of materials, including encyclopedias and dictionaries. His greatest times were spent outside; chasing his grandchildren, giving them rides in the wheelbarrow, on the four-wheeler, golf cart, tractor or lawn mower.

On Tuesday, December 29, 2020, Robert died at the age of eighty-two years. He was preceded in death by his parents; parents-in-law; brothers: twin, Ronald in infancy, Vic, Roy, Jerry, Dick, Don and Nick Weiland; sisters, Marjorie, Doris, Eileen and Monica; and several brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law. Robert is survived by his wife of fifty-six years, Carolyn Weiland of Alexandria; children, Bobbie Weiland of Alexandria, son Wade Weiland and special friend, Gail, of Alexandria and Jill Strand and husband, Darwin, of Montevideo, MN; grandchildren, Tyler Nelson, Lauren (fiancée Kathrynn) Weiland, Blake (special friend Ruby) Strand, Madisen Strand, Jade Weiland and Hunter Strand; great grandchildren, Alexis, Willow, Aurora, Brynlee and Gael; sister, Betty Hedstrom and husband, Kenny, of Hoffman, brother in law, Ronald Kraemer of Osakis and sister in law, Marvel Sprague of Ham Lake and several nieces and nephews.

# The Day God Called You Home

God looked around His garden and found an empty space.

Then He looked down upon the earth and saw your tired face.

He put his arms around you, lifted you to rest.

God's garden must be beautiful, for He only takes the best.

He knew that you were suffering.

He knew you were in pain.

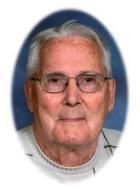
He saw the road was getting rough,
and the hills were hard to climb.

So He closed your weary eyes,
and whispered, "Peace be thine".

It broke our hearts to lose you, but you did not go alone. For part of us went with you, the day God called you home.

## In Loving Memory

# Robert E. Weiland



#### **Memorial Mass**

Church of St. Mary Alexandria, Minnesota Saturday, January 2, 2021 12:30 PM

#### Celebrant

Reverend Father Steve Binsfeld

### **Honorary Pallbearers**

Tyler Nelson Lauren Weiland Blake Strand Madisen Strand Jade Weiland Hunter Strand

#### **Entombment**

St. Mary's Cemetery Alexandria, Minnesota

## **Military Honors**

Alexandria Veterans Honor Guard Minnesota National Guard

