

One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the Lord. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene, he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand; one belonging to him, and the other to the Lord: When the last scene of his life flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints in the sand. He noticed that many times along the path of his life there was only one set of footprints. He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in his life. This really bothered him and he questioned the Lord about it. "Lord, you said that one I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way, but I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why when I needed you most you would leave me. "The Lord replied, "My son, my precious child, I love you and I would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."





Lester Larry Toman

NOVEMBER 19, 1942 ~ APRIL 19, 2019

Lester Larry Toman, 76, Mandan, died April 19, 2019 at Sanford Health in Bismarck.

Lester was born November 19, 1942 in Mandan, ND, the son of Frank and Alice (Rask) Toman. He was raised on a farm north of Flasher where he attended country school through the 8th grade and later graduating from Flasher High School. Lester married June Ann Schmitz on October 13, 1962 at Bethel United Church of Christ in rural Judson.

Lester farmed until moving to Mandan in 1967 where he went to work for Sweet Heart Bakery for 10 years and later to BNI Coal where he worked for over 26 years until retirement.

Lester enjoyed having coffee each morning with his friends at Dakota Farms restaurant. He loved camping, fishing, hunting, traveling and always looking to add to his rock collection. His most cherished times were spent with his children, grandchildren, and great-grandson. He was a member of First Lutheran Church in Mandan as well as a member of IBEW and Teamster Unions. He was also a member of the Mandan Eagles and Moose Clubs.

He will be greatly missed by his wife of over 56 years, June, Mandan, daughter, Tanja Dee (Rik) Toman/Savenko, Bismarck, son, Carey Layne (Tina), California, grandson, Paul (QiuHong) Toman, granddaughter, Kolohe Shen Toman and great-grandson, Titus Xie Toman along with his sister, Annette (Gerald) Sieveke and nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother, Leslie (Nancy) Toman, sister Joyce (Harold) Pulkrabek and a nephew Douglas.

Please go to www.BuehlerLarson.com to share memories of Lester.

Prayer Service

Monday, April 22, 2019; 7:00 PM

Funeral Liturgy

Tuesday, April 23, 2019; 11:00 AM

First Lutheran Church, Mandan, ND

Officiant

Pastor Lee Herberg

Celebrant & Soloist

Pastor Christina Martin

Musician

Loretta White

Honorary Pallbearers

Brett Toman & Alex Pulkrabek

Casketbearers

Travis Toman, Alan Toman, Russell Hopfauf
Nolan Toman, Wade Pulkrabek, & Troy Sieveke

Gathering

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Processional Hymn

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound” #779 ELW

Psalm 100

Prayer of the Day

Reading of the Obituary

Scripture Readings

Job 1:21

2 Corinthians 4:16-5:5

Matthew 5:38-48

Special Music

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

Homily

Special Music

“The Old Rugged Cross”

The Apostles’ Creed/Prayers

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The Lord’s Prayer

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The Commendation

Processional Hymn

“Beautiful Savior” #838 ELW

The family invites you to join them downstairs in the Fellowship Hall

for a strengthening time of food and fellowship to be held

immediately following the service this morning.

The Committal Service will be at St. John’s Lutheran Cemetery at 1:00 PM.