

Terry William Eilers was born July 17, 1950 to Emmett & Dorothy Eilers in Swanville, MN. He graduated from Swanville with the class of 1968 and moved to Alexandria to attend the Law Enforcement program, graduating in 1970.

In 1970, Terry was hired as Sheriff Deputy under Sheriff Howard Urness in Douglas County, MN. Promoted to Sergeant, Chief Deputy, elected Douglas County Sheriff in 1983 and Civil Defense Director. Initiated the Douglas County Swat team and Emergency Call Care System. Terry graduated as an Emergency Medical Paramedic and joined his wife Pauline at Douglas County Ambulance serving the community together through 1995.

In 1996, Terry and Pauline purchased K & K Sports and then later moved to Park Rapids building their home on the lake. Terry was hired as Chief of Police for the City of Park Rapids and retired after 13 years. For the past 5 winters Terry & Pauline resided in Arizona, returning each spring to their home on wheels at Toad Lake in Northern MN.

Terry married Pauline on October 1, 1982; they have been married over 38 years. Their early life included 24/7 shifts of lights and sirens with Ambulance and Sheriff vehicles always visible in the driveway.

Terry was truly the happiest when he could have a rifle over his shoulder hunting deer, or on a mountain bugling Elk in Colorado with his son Jason.

Terry was diagnosed with pancreatic and liver cancer in July 2020. The Lord prepared a place for him in heaven at the age of 70 on November 27th, 2020 where his eternal home will be.

Terry leaves behind his wife: Pauline Eilers of Alexandria, MN; daughters: Coreen (Jason) Schoep, Taryn (Jimmy) Klovstad; son: Jason (McKenzie) Eilers; grandkids: Danielle & Jordan Hirsch, Colton Schoep, Jaden Schoep, Tyler, Ella and Gracie Klovstad, and Brielle Eilers; great-grandkids: Avery and Weston Hirsch, Isabella Schoep; his sister: Clarice (Jerry) Getz; in-laws: Norman (Audriene) Kvitek, Al (Brenda) Kvitek, Gary Kvitek, Karlene (Jim) Mayer; and many nieces and nephews.

Terry is preceded in death by his parents; aunts; uncles; cousins; David & Lowell Drager, Dean & Dennis Campbell and Steve Christle.

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 his call,

I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day,

To laugh, to love, to work, to play.

Tasks left undone must stay that way,

I've found that peace at the close of the 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 savoured 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 heart and share with me,

God wanted me now, He set me free.

In Memory of **Terry William Eilers**

July 17, 1950



November 27, 2020



Memorial Service
Anderson Funeral Home
Alexandria, Minnesota
Saturday, December 5, 2020
10:00 AM

Speaker
Claryce Iverson

Honorary Urnbearers
Brad Brejcha Jeff Callaghan
Larry Scofield Doug LeSage
Donn Johnson