

*Roland "Ron" S. Heidmann*, 90, of Grand Forks, N.D. passed peacefully at home on Friday, May 31, 2024. Ron was born on August 23, 1933 in Neche, ND, to Richard and Anna Heidmann. He was the second born of six children.

When Ron was in 4th grade, his father moved the family to a farmhouse in Walhalla, ND. Ron attended Walhalla High School, where he ran track for 3 years. He attended two years of college at UND before moving to Seattle to work briefly for Boeing. Upon returning to ND, Ron enlisted in the Army for 3 years. After basic training, Ron was stationed at Ft. Campbell, KY, in the 11th Army Airborne Division, where he went to Jump School. He jumped out of airplanes 51 times before he ever got to experience landing in one. Ron spent his remaining enlisted time in Germany.

In November of 1956, Ron returned home and attended Valley City State Teachers College, graduating in 1959, and UND, where he finished degrees in Industrial Technology, Social Studies, and Physical Education, as well as completing his Master's Degree.

Ron began his teaching career in St. Thomas, ND, where he taught for 5 years. In 1957, he married Beverly Givold. Together they had 3 children. Ron got a teaching position in California and moved the family to Oxnard for 2 years. Upon returning to ND, Ron began his final teaching stint at East Grand Forks Junior High, teaching Industrial Technology for 28 years, retiring in 1995.

Ron married Joyce Kaiser in 1985 at Augustana Lutheran Church in Grand Forks. Joyce has two sons, Greg and Brent. Ron and Joyce were members of Bethel Lutheran Church at the time of Ron's passing.

Ron is survived by his loving wife, Joyce, siblings Dick (Esther) Heidmann, Betty Pederson, Jim Heidmann, sister-in-law Patricia Heidmann, brother-in-law Mert Johnson; children Debra Smalley and Tamara Espino, step-children Greg (Marti) Kaiser, Brent (Stephanie) Kaiser, daughter-in-law Karen Heidmann; grandchildren Ryan (Emily) Smalley, Maxx Heidmann, Mitch Heidmann, Jaye (Dan) Becerra, Samantha Espino, Alexandra Espino, Jessica Espino, Erika Kaiser, Jordan Kaiser, Jadya Kaiser, Nick Kaiser, Max Kaiser, Magnus Kaiser; and great grandchildren Ainsley Smalley and Kora Hockert Heidmann.

Ron is preceded in death by his parents, son Kim Heidmann, sister Irene Johnson, brother Fred Heidmann, sister-in-law Jan Heidmann, and brother-in-law Muril Pederson.





*God looked around His garden  
And found an empty place.  
Then He looked upon this earth  
And saw your tired face.  
He knew that you were suffering,*

*He knew you were in pain,  
He knew you never would get well,  
Upon this earth again.  
He put His arms around you  
And lifted you to rest.  
God's garden must be beautiful,  
For He takes only the best.*

**IN LOVING MEMORY**

*Roland S. "Ron" Heidmann*

August 23, 1933 - May 31, 2024

*The Memorial Service Honoring Ron's Life*

Thursday, June 27, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.  
Bethel Lutheran Church – Grand Forks, North Dakota  
Pastor Jeff Stephan, officiating

*Poem*

"Broken Chain" read by Samantha Espino, granddaughter

*Eulogist*

Ryan Smalley, grandson

*Scripture Readings*

Psalm 23  
Hebrews 6:9-12  
John 11:25,26  
Matthew 7:7-13

*Special Music*

"Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone"  
Kaitlyn Stephan, soloist  
Tina Hylton, pianist  
"When the Roll is Called Up Yonder"  
Dick Heidmann, harmonica solo

*Congregational Hymn*

"On Eagle's Wings"

*Recorded Music*

"You Raise Me Up" by Josh Groban  
"Spirit in the Sky" by Norman Greenbaum

*Honorary Urn Bearers*

Ron's Beloved Grandchildren

*Military Honors*

EGF VFW Post 3817 and American Legion Post 157

*Burial*

Resurrection Cemetery  
East Grand Forks, Minnesota

*We would like to sincerely thank everyone for your very kind words of comfort and your presence with us today, whether in time or spirit, as we Celebrate the Life of Our Wonderful Husband, Father, Grandfather and Great-Grandfather, Brother, and Uncle.*

*With Grateful Hearts,  
Joyce – Debra – Tamara – Karen – Greg and Marti – Brent and Stephanie  
Two Generations Who Called Him Grandpa – and Family*