

Stuart Emil Flaa was born to Emil and Frances Flaa (Alexander) on September 30, 1942, in Fargo, North Dakota. He was raised in Rural Richland County, ND and attended Abercrombie Elementary and Abercrombie High School where he graduated in 1960. He attended North Dakota State School of Science in Wahpeton and earned an associate's degree in Diesel Mechanics. Stuart then began his first profession as over-the-road truck driver. He transported materials for the Air Force bases and missile sites throughout North Dakota, then went to work full time with Silverline Boat company out of Moorhead, MN. Stuart delivered boats to 49 states, and even 30 years later remembered every turn on every road to the best breakfast restaurants in the USA.

In 1964, Stuart enlisted in the North Dakota Army National Guard. He was trained as a combat engineer and demolition expert assigned to Charlie Company, 231st Engineer Combat Battalion in Wahpeton.

On July 3, 1968, Stuart married the love of his life, Patricia Rae Ann Johnson. They settled in Abercrombie and began raising their two sons, Jeff and Brad. In 1972, Stuart was in a severe car accident. Miraculously everyone survived, but serious injuries led Stuart to lose all vision in both eyes. This was a life-changing event, but in no way deterred Pat and Stuart from their faith and their devotion to raising their family. Soon after recovering from the accident, the family built a hog farm southwest of Abercrombie. With the help of countless close friends, his brother Stenny, and other family, Stuart farrowed 16 sows twice a year; took the feeder pigs to auction; maintained cars, trucks, and tractors; mowed lawn; blew snow; and restored antique tractors, all in total darkness.

Stuart was known to many in the community as a gifted conversationist, engaging storyteller and informed local historian. Stuart was a trustee at Bethany Lutheran church for many years, and a member of the Sons of Norway and American Legion. Stuart enjoyed attending his children's sporting events, time with his grandchildren, coffee and bars with friends and family, church activities, farm life, working on antique tractors, and reminiscing about his days in the truck.

Today, Stuart is in Heaven with Jeff and Anders and so many friends and family. His pain is gone, and there's no more darkness. He can see with clarity that we can only imagine.

Stuart is survived by his wife, Patricia; son, Brad (Marsha) Flaa; granddaughters, Hannah, Annika and Mollie; nieces, Nancy (Joe) Wulfekuhle, Jody (Tim) Bergman and Kim Mitchell; and nephews, Mike (Aimee) Flaa and Mike (Susan) Johnson.

Stuart was preceded in death by his father Emil, mother Frances, brother Steiner, sister-in-law Larue Flaa, son Jeffrey Ditch, grandson Anders Flaa, father and mother-in-law Irwin and Beatrice Johnson, and brother-in-law Paul Johnson.

IN LOVING
Memory



Stuart Emil Flaa
1942 - 2024

Stuart Emil Flaa



*I have fought a good fight,
I have finished my course,
I have kept the faith.*

2 Timothy 4:7



Born

September 30, 1942 | Fargo, North Dakota

Passed Away

June 2, 2024 | Fargo, North Dakota

Age

81 Years | 8 Months | 3 Days

Funeral Service

11:00 AM | Friday, June 7, 2024
Bethany Free Lutheran Church | Rural Abercrombie, North Dakota

Officiant

Pastor Thomas Reagan

Organist

Evonne Viland

Congregational Hymns

Hymn No. 510 | How Great Thou Art

Hymn No. 417 | Just As I Am

Hymn No. 545 | Because He Lives

Pallbearers

Kent Ringdahl | Marlow Nash | Matt Kinneberg
Earl Myhre | Paul Ihland | Lynn Syvertsen

Military Honors

North Dakota Funeral Honors Team
Galchutt American Legion Post 282

Interment

Bethany Free Lutheran Cemetery | Rural Abercrombie, North Dakota