

Robert Frank Vipond was born on February 14, 1949, in Alexandria, Minnesota the son of Clarence and Lorine (Lanners) Vipond. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Mary's Church. Bob graduated from Alexandria Jefferson High School and furthered his education at Alexandria Technical College and University of Minnesota Morris receiving a Bachelor of Arts Degree with Distinction. Bob taught Social Studies at Alexandria District 206. He worked at Olson's Produce prior to teaching.

Bob was united in marriage to Glenice Olson on July 15, 1972 at First Lutheran Church in Glenwood, Minnesota. They met in high school when they were 16 years old. To this union their son, Ryan was born. Bob and Glenice enjoyed traveling, fishing and spending time with their family and friends. Bob, Glenice and Ryan took road trips throughout the U.S. never passing up a visit to a museum or historic location. He enjoyed planning trips making sure nothing was missed. He loved working his organic garden and keeping it weed free.

He was a proud Vietnam Veteran serving in the Navy from 1968 to 1972. He was a member of the Alexandria VFW and once post commander. He was a member of St Mary's Church in Alexandria.

Bob was a wonderful father who loved, supported and nurtured his son. He loved his grandchildren Nicholas, Rebecca, Juliana and Makayla taking them fishing, camping and extra effort with holiday celebrations and family events. He was committed to their religious and school education helping and supporting them.

Bob was a loving son and brother. Bob looked forward to hunting at the farm near Henning with his brothers and Sletto family. He was a 'crack shot' as the story goes. Family time, Lanners reunions, and Vipond - Sletto campouts at Lobster Lake were important to Bob. Bob loved the Vikings and Twins and cheered them on no matter what. He looked forward to playing golf with his weekly foursome Charles, Russ and Byron. Annual trips to Florida and Arizona during winter months and annual trip to the casino with Diane, Dale and Jack were highlights. Bob never saw a crossword puzzle he didn't like. He was a scholar and loved teaching and talking about history especially World War II.

Robert passed away August 23, 2019 at Sanford Medical Center Fargo, North Dakota after a courageous battle against cancer. He is survived by his wife, Glenice of Alexandria; son, Ryan of Aberdeen, S.D., grandchildren: Nicholas, Rebecca, Juliana and Makayla, daughter in law: Michelle Vipond of Aberdeen S.D.; mother, Lorine Vipond, brothers: Jack & Tom (Sharon), sister, Diane (Dale) Sletto, brother, Mike (Diane), brother in laws: Charles (Mary) Olson & David Olson, sister in laws: Sandy (Dennis) Erickson, ShuWa Olson and Luwanna Olson; aunt, Theresa Lanners, nieces & nephews: Jen, Kim, Jacki, Meghan, Mitchell, Randy, Chad, Jason, Cory, Stephanie, Christina, Bob, Shannon, Jamie, Shawn; cousins and friends. He is preceded in death by his father, Clarence (Kiddo) Vipond, brother, Gordon Vipond, infant brother, in laws: Ray & Lorraine Olson, brother in law: James Olson, nephew, Mark McDonald, several aunts and uncles.

Remembering the Life of



Robert "Bob" Vipond

1949 ~ 2019

***For Those I Love,
For Those Who Love Me...***

When I am gone, release me, let me go...

I have so many things to see and do.

You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears,

But let my spirit calm your fears,

I gave you my love. You can only guess

How much you gave me in happiness.

I thank you for the love you have shown,

But now it's time I traveled on alone!

So grieve a while for me, if grieve you must,

Then let your grief be comforted by trust.

It's only for a while that we must part,

So bless the memories that lie within your heart.

I won't be far away, for life goes on.

So if you need me, call and I will come.

Though you can't see me or touch me, I'll be near,

And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear

All of my love around you soft and clear.

And then, when you must come this way alone...

I'll greet you with a smile and say,

"Welcome Home."

In Loving Memory of

Robert "Bob" Vipond

February 14, 1949 † August 23, 2019

Mass of Christian Burial

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Alexandria, Minnesota

Friday, August 30, 2019, 11:00 AM

Officiant

Reverend Father Steve Binsfeld

Military Honors By

US Navy Funeral Honor Guard

American Legion Post #87

VFW Post #936

VVA Post #235

Marine Corp League #1409

Honorary Pallbearers

Bob's Grandchildren

Nicholas Vipond

Rebecca Vipond

Juliana Vipond

Makayla Vipond

Inurnment

St. Mary's Cemetery

Alexandria, Minnesota

