

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

Donald E. Rasmussen

JULY 1, 1934 – FEBRUARY 3, 2023

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 him call,
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work or play
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the close of 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 for you the sunshine of tomorrow
My life's been full, I've savored much,
Good friends, good times, my loved one's
touch.

If my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief
Lift up your heart, rejoice with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free.



Services At:

Faith Lutheran Church — Morris, Minnesota
Friday — February 10, 2023 — 11:00 a.m.

Officiating Clergy:

Reverend Emmy Swedlund

Musicians:

Ken & Linda Hodgson

Honorary Urn bearers:

All of Don's Grandchildren & Great-Grandchildren
Don's Deer Camp Friends

Donald Edward Rasmussen was born to Frieda (Bihrlle) and Edward Rasmussen on July 1, 1934 in Milbank, South Dakota. The youngest of four children, the family would soon relocate to a dairy farm north of New York Mills, Minnesota, in 1935. Don attended public school in New York Mills until finishing the tenth grade.

After leaving school, Don eventually enlisted in the United States Army, serving from 1953 to 1957, and enjoyed a variety of employment opportunities – from owning a couple of construction and repair companies to driving school buses. During his working years he would also work on the railroad, own a shoe repair shop, manage a filling station, and work as an auto mechanic in several shops.

On April 3, 1954, Don married Ruby Mindermann. During their twenty-two-year marriage, four children were born: Ricky, Becky, Donna, and Brenda. Donald was a wonderful father and grandfather, so it wasn't surprising that he would welcome the opportunity to become a step-father and grandfather to Janet Stadtler's family when the two married on May 29, 1999.

Donald loved spending time with his family. He was charming and charismatic, and a little bit of a jokester. He enjoyed spending time in the woods, feeding and watching the birds and squirrels, watching old westerns, reading his Bible, and solving word-find puzzles.

On January 2, 2023, Don moved to the nursing home in Frazee, Minnesota due to his rapidly declining health. He was admitted to Sanford Hospital in Fargo on January 28 and passed away February 3, 2023; he was 88 years old.

Left to cherish Donald's memory are his wife, Janet Rasmussen of Morris; daughters: Becky (Kevin) Lundgren of Frazee, Donna (Larry) Galbrecht of Frazee, and Brenda (Paul) Montgomery of Mesquite, NV; daughter-in-law, Diana Rasmussen of Moorhead; step-children: Bryan Stadtler of Forest Lake, Barb (Jim) Ascheman of Park Rapids, Paul (Julie) Stadtler of Battle Lake; nine grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; fifteen great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; sister, Alvera Mindermann; He is preceded in death by his parents; son, Ricky Rasmussen; sisters: Claretta (Gerald) Matti, Arles (Martin) Kumpula; and brother-in-law: Harold Mindermann.

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