

Edward "Steve" Stephen Loranger was born on April 3, 1943, in Argyle, MN to George and Doria (Asselin) Loranger. He graduated from Argyle High School in 1961. Steve was drafted into the U.S. Army and served at Fort Lewis in Washington. After an honorable discharge, Steve moved to the Twin Cities where he lived with his sister, Ann. Steve attended the University of Minnesota and earned an Associate Arts Degree.

On July 21, 1973, Steve was united in marriage to Kathleen Roy (during a double wedding ceremony along with her sister, Barbara and spouse) at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Osakis. They lived in Maple Grove and were blessed with their beautiful daughters, Christina, Julie, Elizabeth and Valarie. Steve worked as the Maintenance Supervisor in the Custodial, Tinnars and Carpenters Departments at Honeywell, Inc. in Golden Valley, retiring after a 33 year career. Steve and Kathy moved to Osakis in 2002. In his retirement years, Steve enjoyed summer work selling sweet corn in Osakis for Schoenberg's Sweet Corn and then for the past five years drove as a courier for the Brother's Markets.

One of Steve's greatest joys was doing family genealogies, and he researched his family descendants as far back as the 1500's. He worked meticulously on every family member, new in-laws and relative, and was always ready with his data worksheets and family histories at every family occasion to gather more information for his latest research. He was especially thrilled by the chance to travel with his sister to visit his early French Canadian ancestry near Quebec, Canada and meet new cousins and distant relatives. Steve was a true family man who loved to play cards, especially Pinochle and Cribbage. He and his daughters played a final game just this past week. He also enjoyed growing vegetables, and especially loved tending his strawberry plants and annual flower pots. He was humble, kind and loved to visit with anyone he met. His family was the most important thing and he treasured the time they spent together on family holidays and vacations. He was a proud Grandpa and Great Grandpa.

Steve died peacefully at his home on June 9, 2022, at the age of 79 years after a recent diagnosis of liver disease. He is survived by his loving wife, Kathy of Osakis; daughters, Christina (Michael) Baxter of Otsego, Julie, (Corey) Giesler, Elizabeth (Daniel) Nelson, and Valarie Loranger, all of Osakis; grandchildren, Chase Baxter, Jena, Jake and Jared Nelson, Jillian Giesler; step-grandchildren, Brook (Mackenzie Asmus) Giesler and Megan (Wyatt) Olson; and step-great-grandchildren, Landon and Rosalie Asmus, and Sullivan Olson; brother, Morris "Maury" (Nancy) Loranger of LaMirada, CA; and many nieces and nephews. Steve was also a host father to over 13 foreign exchange students over the years. Steve is preceded in death by stillborn daughter, Mary Angelique Loranger; parents, George and Doria; brother, Eugene Loranger; sisters, Ann Marie Spillane, Eva Parson and Shirley Ann Loranger.

### *The Day God Called You Home*

*God looked around His garden  
and found an empty space.*

*Then He looked down upon the earth  
and saw your tired face.*

*He put his arms around you,  
lifted you to rest.*

*God's garden must be beautiful,  
for He only takes the best.*

*He knew that you were suffering.  
He knew you were in pain.*

*He saw the road was getting rough,  
and the hills were hard to climb.*

*So He closed your weary eyes,  
and whispered, "Peace be thine".*

*It broke our hearts to lose you,  
but you did not go alone.*

*For part of us went with you,  
the day God called you home.*

### *In Memory of* **Edward "Steve" Loranger**

April 3, 1943



June 9, 2022

**Mass Of Christian Burial**  
Immaculate Conception  
Catholic Church  
Osakis, Minnesota  
Tuesday, June 14, 2022  
11:00 AM



#### **Officiant**

Deacon Richard Quistorff  
Father Matthew Kuhn

#### **Urn Bearer and Honorary Urn Bearers** (Steve's Grandchildren)

Chase Baxter	Brook Giesler
Megan Olson	Jena Nelson
Jake Nelson	Jillian Giesler
Jared Nelson	
Great-Step-Grandchildren	
Landon Asmus	Rosalie Asmus
Sullivan Olson	

#### **Interment**

Fort Snelling National Cemetery  
Minneapolis, Minnesota