

Ronald Clemence Listrom was born on July 9, 1945 in Alexandria, MN; son of Ragnar and Ethel (Pearson) Listrom. He grew up in Evansville and graduated from Evansville High School in 1963. He was a multi-sport athlete and participated in football, basketball and baseball, with a particular fondness for football and baseball. He was all-around MVP his senior year. Ron attended and received his college degree from Moorhead State University in Health, Physical Education, and Social Studies, along with a certification in Driver's Education. He taught for one year at Gregory, SD, one year at Cleveland, MN, nine years at Lynd, MN, and twenty-three at Ashby, MN, which he considered home. He was a football, basketball, baseball, and track coach at various times in his teaching career. Ron spent his earlier career as a high school teacher of health and physical education, but the majority of his teaching career was spent on geography and history.

On July 16, 1966, Ron was united in marriage to Sheryl Wrolson at East Moe Lutheran Church in Garfield, MN. They had three children – Bobbi, Chad and Gregg. During his summertime off from teaching, he traveled the country with his family, ultimately making it to forty-nine states. They also traveled to Norway and Sweden with Chad and his family. There were many adventures and stories on their vacations that would rival the National Lampoon Vacation movies! On their various vacations across the country they always made sure to stop at all the historical sites, museums, and battlefields. On each of these visits the family received a detailed “history lesson”. Luckily for some family members there wasn't a test when they arrived back home!

Ron enjoyed numerous hobbies including hunting, fishing, golfing, and boating. He was an avid Minnesota sports fan and rarely missed a Minnesota Vikings game. He took the Minnesota Viking games very seriously and was very vocal about it. The entire household knew whether they were winning or losing without even watching the game. He also liked to drive snowmobiles and his motorcycle.

On Saturday, August 31, 2019, Ron died at the age of seventy-four years. He is survived by his wife, Sheryl Listrom of Alexandria; daughter, Bobbi Kløver and husband, Jeff, of Alexandria; sons, Gregg Listrom of Alexandria and Chad Listrom and wife, Rebecca, of West End, NC; grandchildren, Logan and Olivia Listrom; sister, Elsie Listrom and partner, Dave Wood, of St. Louis, MO; and nieces and nephew, Alexander Listrom Wood, Joy Wrolson, Jana Dillingham, and Lisa Nickel-Felton.

*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 Memory of

Ronald C. Listrom

July 9, 1945



August 31, 2019



Funeral Service

East Moe Lutheran Church

Garfield, Minnesota

Friday, September 6, 2019

11 AM

Officiant

Reverend Saul Stensvaag

Musician

Susan Peterson

Casket Bearers

Logan Listrom

Alexander Listrom Wood

Ron Wrolson

Olivia Listrom

Dan Sutton

Dave Wood

Interment

East Moe Lutheran Cemetery

Moe Township, Minnesota

