

I Am Free

Don't grieve for me for now I am free,
I am following the path God laid for me.
I took His hand when I heard His 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 found that peace at the close of the day.

If my parting has left a void,
then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
ah, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with time or sorrow,
I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much,
good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free.

In Loving Memory of

James E. Bartelt

March 7, 1941 - January 18, 2021

Graveside Services and Interment

2:00 p.m. Friday, January 22, 2021

Aledo Cemetery

Officiating

Kevin Pauley

Graveside Military Honors

American Legion Fallers Post #121

Aledo, Illinois

Family

Daughters: Michelle McDaniel

Heidi (Chris) Hesthaven

Amanda (Adam) McMillin

Grandsons: Michael and Kyle Wardlow;

Clint McDaniel; Jacob McMillin; Cayden Hesthaven

Brother: Edmond Bartelt