

Kevin was born in Fergus Falls, MN, on May 2, 1962, the son of Albert and Wylene (Rix) Melkert. He grew up in Erhard, MN, and later graduated from Pelican Rapids High School. He served in the Army National Guard from 1980 to 1986.

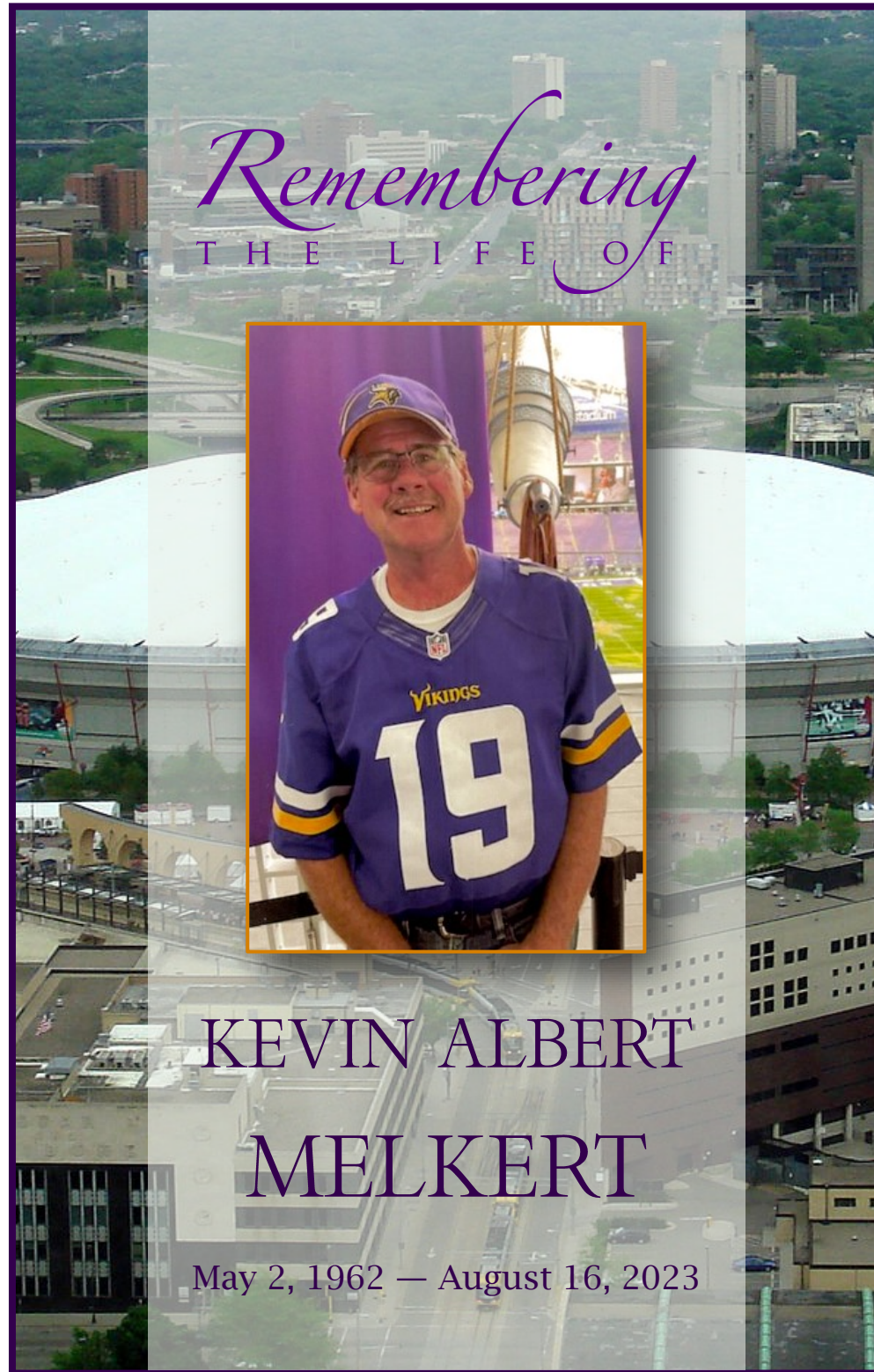
Kevin met the love of his life, Linda Stach, and they were united in marriage on October 20, 1984, at Grace Lutheran Church in Erhard. They made their home in Breckenridge. Kevin worked for 3M Imation in Wahpeton, North Dakota, for 27 years. He then worked for the Wilkin County Court House for 15 years as a custodian.

Throughout Kevin's life, he enjoyed fishing, hunting, and especially cheering on the Twins and Vikings and watching any other sports. Kevin loved playing with his grandchildren, Bryce and Olivia. He loved playing sports; throughout his life he played football and softball, then later in life, darts and pool with friends. He was very proud of his yard and was a good cook, specializing in beef jerky. Anyone that was fortunate enough to meet Kevin will remember him as a welcoming host. No one went thirsty at Kevin's place!

Kevin is survived by his loving wife of 38 years, Linda Melkert; daughter, Ashley (Richie) Shannon; daughter, Nicole (Troy) Midboe; grandchildren, Bryce and Olivia Shannon; siblings, Danny (Cheryl) Melkert, Greg (DeAnn) Melkert, Becky (Jim) Baumgartner, and Brian (Annaliza) Melkert; and many wonderful nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Albert and Wylene Melkert.

The family wishes to express their gratitude for your kind expressions of sympathy and for honoring Kevin with your presence at the service.



YOU'RE NOT TRULY GONE, GRANDPA

Grandpa slipped away,
Quietly one day.
He simply went to sleep,
No more to wake or weep.

Now we gather here
And quietly shed a tear,
As we lay him in the ground,
No solace to be found.

But Grandpa's not truly gone,
Because his memory lives on,
In all of us who loved him,
Never to be forgotten.



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Celebrating THE LIFE OF KEVIN ALBERT MELKERT



FUNERAL SERVICE

Breckenridge Lutheran Church

Breckenridge, Minnesota

11:00 a.m., Tuesday, August 24, 2023

PARTICIPANTS

Pastor Ale Tulu, Officiant

Rene Hasbargen, Co-Officiant

Jason Baumgartner, Obituary Reader & Eulogy

Allison Nirschl & Courtney Melkert, Scripture Readers

PALLBEARERS

Bryce Shannon ~ Olivia Shannon ~ Gregory Melkert

Max Baumgartner ~ Ryan Melkert ~ Richie Shannon

Troy Midboe ~ Larry Baumgartner

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

All Who Knew & Called Kevin "Friend"

MUSIC

On Eagles Wings ~ I Wish Grandpas Never Died

Friends In Low Places

MILITARY HONORS

Wilkin County Honor Guard

Minnesota National Honor Guard

BURIAL

Riverside Cemetery

Breckenridge, Minnesota