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THE AIR FORCE COMMENDATION MEDAL

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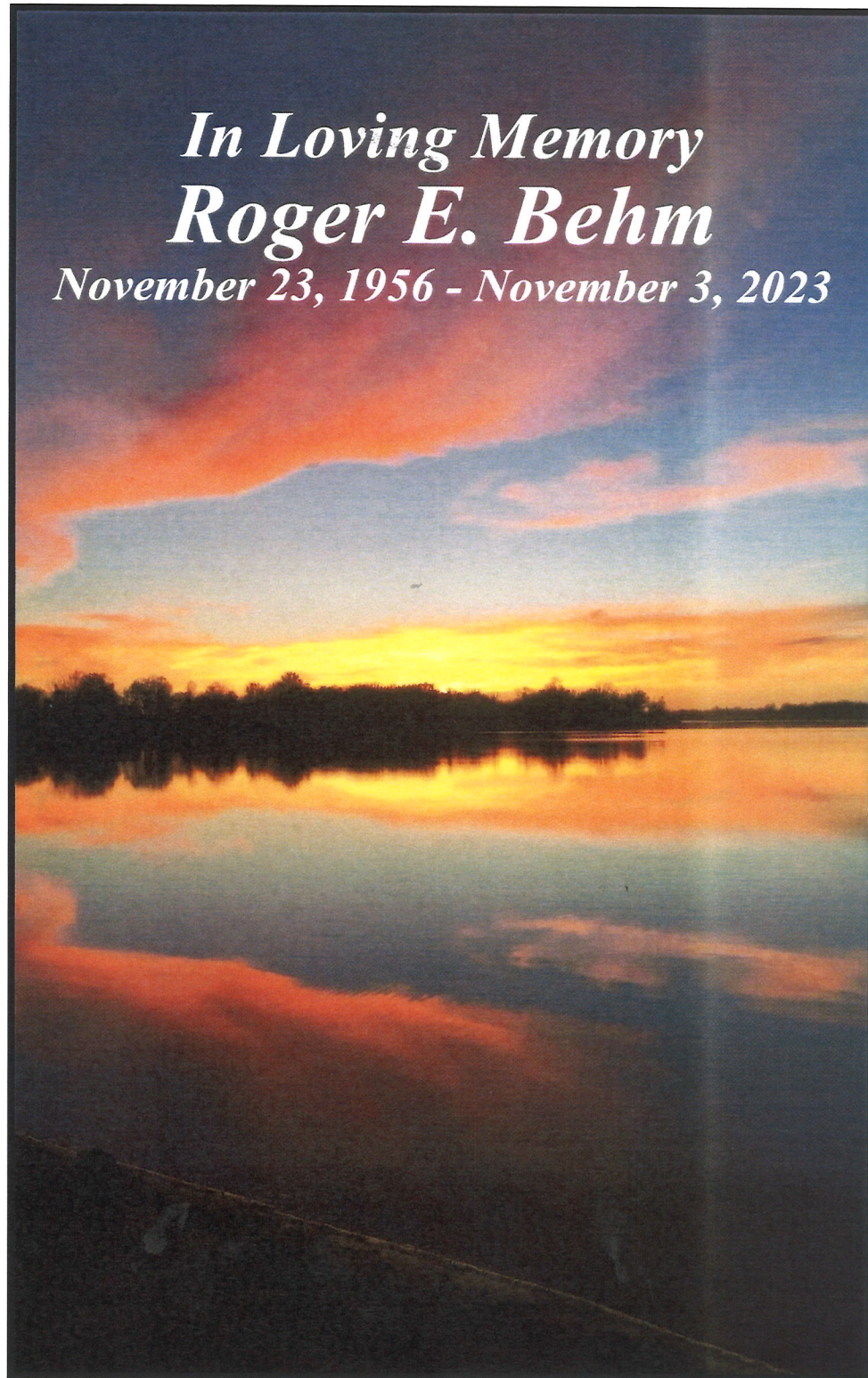
ROGER E. BEHM

Airman First Class Roger E. Behm distinguished himself by meritorious service as a Plumbing Specialist, Plumbing Shop, Operations and Maintenance Branch, 443d Civil Engineering Squadron, Altus Air Force Base, Oklahoma, from 30 October 1975 to 7 November 1977.

During this period, Airman Behm has been largely responsible for the mission of effectiveness of this section, not only in the operational area, but in improving morale and by setting an outstanding example for both his supervisors and co-workers to follow. Due to his outstanding efforts, ability and devotion to duty, Airman Behm was continually assigned tasks which were normally assigned to an individual with a higher grade and skill level.

The distinctive accomplishments of Airman Behm reflect credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

In Loving Memory
Roger E. Behm
November 23, 1956 - November 3, 2023





Roger Earl Behm was born in Grand Forks, ND on November 23, 1956, to Earl (Squirt) and Margaret Ann (Yoney) Behm of Niagara, ND. He attended school in Niagara and Petersburg, graduating in 1975. After completing school, he enlisted in the Air Force from 1975 and retired in 1979.

He received the Air Force Commendation Medal for his valiant service. He was united in marriage to Marilyn Schmidt on June 20, 1975. They moved to Cavalier in 1980 where they made their home raising

their three children and establishing Behm's Plumbing Inc. He built a successful plumbing business, serving the area for 48 years, and establishing additional branches in Mentor, Alexandria, MN and Mesa, AZ.

Roger served as a volunteer fireman for the Cavalier Fire Department. He also served as a board member for the Cavalier Country Club and the Maple Lake Association Board. He was a proud member of the American Legion and the Elks Lodge. Roger enjoyed hunting, fishing, traveling and being at the lake with his family and friends. He enjoyed watching his grandkids participate in their sporting events and activities. For the past few years, Roger and Marilyn enjoyed spending their winters at their home in Mesa, AZ.

Family members include his wife, Marilyn; children: Chris (Kellie Thomas) Behm, Alexandria, MN; Holly (Casey) Bergh, East Grand Forks, MN; and Lindsay (Josh) Austfjord, Casselton, ND; grandchildren: Shelby (Tom) Zach, Nicholas Behm, Sophie Thomas; Kaden Robinson, Taylor and Megan Bergh; Emma, Lucille, Lillian and Beau Austfjord; great-grandchildren: Allie and Isaac Zach; siblings: Jolene (Kevin) Nason, Lakeland, FL; Jill (Mike Bina) Kroke, Michigan, ND; Robert (Kelly) Behm, Bismarck, ND; brothers-in-law: Mike Wardzinski, Bismarck, ND; Donald (Michelle) Schmidt, Washburn, ND; Russ Schmidt, West Fargo, ND; Brian (Mary) Schmidt, Lakota, ND; Sister-in-laws: Joyce (Mark) Magnus, Northwood, ND; Evy (Eric) Olson, Bozeman, MT, and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death are his parents Earl and Margaret Behm, sister, Carla Wardzinski, father-in-law, Russell Schmidt and mother-in-law, Diane Schmidt.

Roger Behm, 66, of Mentor, MN and formerly of Cavalier, ND, passed away Friday, November 3, 2023, at the VA Hospital in Fargo, ND after a brief illness.

FUNERAL SERVICE

Thursday, November 9, 2023 - 11:00 a.m.
United Lutheran Church - Cavalier, North Dakota

CLERGY

Rev. Beth Peterson

READERS

Matt Magnus and Mike Halldorson

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Hallelujah"- Chris Halldorson, Soloist

"Dancing in the Sky"- Ashley Nordstrom, Soloist

"If I Should Fall Behind" - Bruce Springsteen

"Somewhere Over the Rainbow"- Israel Kamakawiwo'ole

"Save the Roses" -Lee Brice

CASKET BEARERS

Tom Ford Kyle Shephard Gerry Wieler John Halldorson

Ron Ritteman Jim Hiebert Stuart Paulson Curt Zejdlik

Loren Abel Joe Sorvig Lee Rolland

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

All of Roger's Plumbing Friends

MILITARY RITES

United States Air Force Funeral Honors

INTERMENT

Michigan City Cemetery

Michigan, North Dakota