



Please don't sing sad songs for me  
Forget your grief and tears  
For I am in a *perfect place*  
Away from pain and tears...  
I'm far away from hunger,  
And hurt and want and pride  
With the *Master* at my side.  
My life on earth was very good,  
As earthly lives can go,  
But paradise is so much more  
Than anyone can know...  
My heart is filled with **HAPPINESS**,  
And sweet rejoicing, too,  
To walk with God is perfect peace,  
**A joy forever new.**

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

## *Donald Lawrence Reiffenberger*

WHO WAS BORN  
September 12, 1947  
Madison, Minnesota

AND CALLED TO HIS ETERNAL HOME  
June 15, 2023  
Big Stone City, South Dakota

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL  
Wednesday, June 21, 2023 - 10:30 a.m.  
St. Charles Catholic Church  
Big Stone City, South Dakota

CELEBRANT  
Padre Dav'id Garza

MUSICIAN  
Paula Rausch, Guitarist

CASKET BEARERS  
Grandsons: Jacob Gangelhoff, Cody Moser, Jack Moser  
Grandson In-Law: Cole Owens  
Sons-In-Law: Dan Gangelhoff, Stuart Moser  
Godson: Deacon Michael Iverson

HONORARY BEARERS  
Granddaughters: Nicole Owens, Samantha Moser, Hailey Moser  
Granddaughter In-Law: Anna Gangelhoff  
Godson/Cousin: Pastor Don Reiffenberger

INTERMENT  
St. Charles Catholic Cemetery  
Big Stone City, South Dakota

APPRECIATION  
Don's family is grateful for your attendance at this service.  
Your many expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated. Following the interment, please join the family for a time of food and fellowship at the St. Charles Parish Hall.  
Those not joining the family for the interment are welcome to the parish hall to begin eating.

*Mundwiler Funeral Home  
Milbank, South Dakota*



**D**onald Lawrence Reiffenberger was born in Madison, MN, on September 12, 1947, to Norbert and Leona (Vortherms) Reiffenberger. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Rosen, MN. Don attended St. Joseph Catholic School in Rosen through eighth grade and graduated from Bellingham High School in 1965. He attended Hennepin County Vocational School for Blue Print Reading.

On April 26, 1969, Don married Joan Iverson at St. Charles Catholic Church in Big Stone City, SD; celebrating their 54th wedding anniversary this year. Born to this marriage were their daughters: Tamera and Karin.

Don worked numerous jobs that included working construction building the convent in Rosen and building grain bins for Urban Stolpman. He also worked at Rausch Brothers Granite in Big Stone City, SD. From 1967 to 1980, Don worked at Rosemount Engineering in Bloomington and Eden Prairie, MN. In 1980, he worked at Otter Tail Power Plant in Big Stone City for a short time. In 1982, Don accepted a job at FOK/United Hardware in Milbank until 1996. After a disabling injury, Don became the Gold Star of "House-Husbands".

Don loved to repair, fix, build, or engineer any project. At a young age, he made his own motorcycle (held a pint of gas) and would pull his brother, Roger, from Rosen to Nassau, MN, to buy fireworks. He looked forward to the "annual deer hunt" with his brother, Leo. Don was very proud of his "deer antlers" that he accumulated. His last successful hunt was November 2022. (Thank you, Leo!) His years of "making his own special recipe" sausage provided fun times and great meals. He loved it when his children and grandchildren wanted him to go "car shopping" for them.

Very much involved in his community, Don was a current member of the Big Stone City Planning and Zoning Committee, past member of the Big Stone City School Board, and St. Charles Parish Council and Eucharistic Minister.

Don is survived by his wife, Joan; daughters: Tamera (Dan) Gangelhoff of New Ulm, MN; and Karin (Stuart) Moser of Beaver Creek, MN; six grandchildren: Jacob (Anna) Gangelhoff, Nicole (Cole) Owens, Samantha Moser, Cody Moser, Jack Moser, and Hailey Moser; one great-grandson, Toby Gangelhoff; expecting this summer, Gangelhoff great-grandson #2; and Owens' twin great-granddaughters #1 and 2; sisters: Dolores (Tom) Kirchberg, Mary (Gene) Koosmann, and Karen (Bruce) Rudd; brothers: Roger Reiffenberger, Charles (Korinne) Reiffenberger, and Leo (Lisa) Reiffenberger; brothers and sisters in-law: Betty Reinke, Tom (Barb) Iverson, Mark Iverson, John (Pauline) Hicks, David (Charlene) Iverson, and Teri (Anthony) Spors; aunts: Marie Vortherms, Cece' Reiffenberger, and 'Ceal Konz; Godsons: Pastor Don Reiffenberger (cousin), and Deacon Michael Iverson (nephew); along with numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Joseph; father and mother in-law, Les and Peg Iverson; brother in-law, Robert Iverson; sister in-law, Debra Hicks; sisters-in-law: Laura Iverson and Darlene Reiffenberger, brother-in-law, Mel Reinke, niece in-law, Noelle Koosmann; and Godson/nephew, Paul Hicks.

