

*The Family Chain*

*If love could have saved you—  
you never would have died.*

*If tears could bring you back  
you'd be here by our side.*

*It broke our hearts to lose you,  
but you did not go alone.*

*For part of us went with you  
the day God called you home.*

*God takes us one by one  
and breaks the family chain,*

*But somewhere in a better land  
our chain will link again.*



*Celebrating the Life of*



*Ron Schaaf*

APRIL 27, 1950 ~ MARCH 27, 2018

**Ron J. Schaaf**, 67, Mandan, died March 27, 2018, at his home with his family by his side after a long battle with cancer.

Ron was born April 27, 1950, in Mandan to Jack R. and Florence (Markel) Schaaf. Raised and educated in Mandan, he graduated from Mandan High School in 1968. Ron enlisted in the US Navy in 1969. He served in Vietnam and was honorably discharged in 1973. On June 26, 1976, he married Vicky Fleck and they made their home in Mandan where they raised their two children, Andrea and Rory. Ron worked as warehouse manager for Cloverdale Foods and later at U.S. Foods, retiring in 2012. He spent his retirement enjoying his family, especially his grandchildren. He enjoyed traveling to Madison, Wisconsin to visit his son, Rory's family. Ron loved cooking, camping, fishing, playing guitar, and his "drives around the world." Ron always enjoyed his conversations with family, friends and sometimes complete strangers. He loved being outdoors, especially in the Black Hills and the mountains of Montana. He liked spending time in Deadwood and gambling there once in awhile. Some of his greatest memories were around the campfire in his backyard and on walks with his wife, Vicky. A loving and involved dad, Ron could be counted on for support and advice to his kids, whether they wanted it or not. A beloved husband, father, grandfather, and brother, Ron will be missed by those who knew and loved him.

Blessed to have shared his life is his wife of 41 years, Vicky Schaaf, Mandan; children, Andrea (Scott) Leingang, Mandan and Rory (Jen) Schaaf, Verona, Wisconsin; three grandchildren, Brady and Ramsey Leingang and Maddox Schaaf; sisters, Rosemary Beer and Sue (Ken) Zander, all of Mandan; brothers, Ben Schaaf, Tom (Carol) Schaaf, and Jack (Maralyn) Schaaf, all of Mandan; mother-in-law, Betty Fleck; numerous brothers and sisters-in-law; several aunts and uncles; and many nieces and nephews, each of whom was special to him.

Ron was preceded in death by his parents and his father-in-law, Peter Fleck.

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<b>Rosary</b>	Monday, April 2, 2018; 6:00 PM
<b>Presider</b>	Deacon Dennis Rohr
<b>Funeral Liturgy</b>	Tuesday, April 3, 2018; 10:30 AM Christ the King Catholic Church Mandan, North Dakota
<b>Celebrant</b>	Rev. Nick Schneider
<b>Musician</b>	Steve Harmon
<b>Urbearers &amp; Giftbearers</b>	Ron's Godchildren ~ Jackie Beer Walby, Nathan Fleck, and Samantha Geiger
<b>Lectors</b>	Bryan Fleck and Jennifer Schaaf

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Prelude	
Opening Song	"Here I am, Lord"
	<u>Liturgy of the Word</u>
Old Testament Reading	Revelations 21:5a, 6b-7
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 116 <i>"I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living."</i>
New Testament Reading	Romans 6:3-4,8-9
Gospel Reading	Matthew 5:1-12a
	<u>Liturgy of the Eucharist</u>
Preparation of Gifts Song	"Amazing Grace"
Consecration of the Eucharist	
Communion Songs	"How Great Thou Art" "Be Not Afraid" "Eyes Have Not Seen"
Final Commendation	
Closing Song	"On Eagles Wings"

*Committal will take place at the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery immediately following the funeral service.*

*The family invites you to join them for food and fellowship at the Agnes Larkin Parish Life Center following the burial.*