

In Loving Memory of
Lloyd Thomas Liken

June 10, 1942 ~ April 14, 2024



Funeral Service

Tuesday, April 23, 2024 ▪ 10:30 AM

McCabe United Methodist Church ▪ 1030 N 6th St
Bismarck, North Dakota

Interment

Tuesday, April 23, 2024 ▪ 1:00 PM

North Dakota Veterans Cemetery
Mandan, North Dakota

Prelude

Processional

“Amazing Grace”

v1-3 & 5-6

Welcome

Words of Grace

Prayer

Special Music

“Hallelujah”

Scripture Readings

Psalm 23

Isaiah 40:28-31

Ezekiel 34:11-12 & 16a

Poem

written by Kirsten Robinson, shared by Lisa Liken Monroe

Special Music

“Danny Boy”

Message

Commendation

The Lord’s Prayer

Announcements

Grace & Benediction

Recessional

“Because He Lives”

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Postlude

Officiants Rev Lou Whitmer and Rev Karl Kroger

Musicians Arva Dell Benz and Liz Odegard

Casket Bearers Matt Ihmels, Glenn Strom, Jeff Houghtaling,

Larry Houghtaling and Chad Monroe

Honorary Casket Bearers Dana Houghtaling, Ron Cork and Merle Miller

Following the funeral service, the family invites you to join them for fellowship and refreshments in the Great Hall.



Tribute Video

LLOYD THOMAS LIKEN went missing on Thursday November 16, 2023 shortly after 7:30 p.m. after having supper with friends from church. Lloyd was found April 14, 2024 in a field in Wells County.

Lloyd was born on June 10, 1942 to Lloyd Clifford Liken and Dorothy Deel Brown. Lloyd Thomas also referred to as “Tom” grew up on a farm near Gray, Iowa. He had an older brother Larry. Lloyd Thomas and his brother, Larry, grew up in a strict household. They were taught the value of hard work on the farm. After all their chores were done Lloyd Thomas and Larry were allowed to pursue sports like basketball as they had a basketball court in the loft of their barn.

Lloyd Thomas eventually left home and put himself through college and is a graduate of the University of South Dakota. It was at college where he met the love of his life Gloria Jean Houghtaling from Doland, South Dakota. Lloyd Thomas and Gloria Jean were united in marriage on June 10, 1967. They had one daughter, Lisa, who was born January 12th of 1969 while Lloyd was serving as a medic in Vietnam.

Lloyd’s service to his country began in May 1968 when the 2nd Battalion, 133rd Infantry was mobilized. Men from Sioux City, Lemars, Sheldon, Mapleton and Ida Grove Iowa made up the 863 guardsmen infantry. The group was stationed at Fort Carson, Colorado. Over 500 were deployed to Vietnam with regular Army units. Twelve members of this unit were killed in action with over 60 wounded in action. Lloyd Thomas was one of those wounded in action and received a purple heart.

He was allowed to come home in 1969 as his mother passed away at age 53. It was at this time he got spend time with his baby girl Lisa.

Lloyd Thomas Liken worked for Midland National Life insurance company in Watertown SD in the 1970s. In 1977 Midland National Life moved their operations to Sioux Falls South Dakota. Lloyd was instrumental in that move. He worked for Midland National Life Company until the 1990s when he went to work for Seven Circles Resorts Inc/Prairie Knights Casino near Mandan, North Dakota. He worked for Prairie Knights until he retired in 2009.

Lloyd Thomas was an excellent softball pitcher, an avid golfer, a tennis player, and a boxer. In 2019 he got to see his beloved New York Yankees play for the first time.

He is survived by his daughter, Lisa Liken Monroe, and her husband, Chad, and his grand dogs, Jerry and Nacho.

Upon his death Lloyd Thomas was united in heaven with the love of his life Gloria Jean Houghtaling; his mother and dad, Dorothy and Lloyd C. Liken; his brother, Larry Liken, and two infant sisters who died shortly after their birth.

Memorials can be dedicated to one of the following...

Badlands Search and Rescue who coordinated the search and rescue efforts for Lloyd.

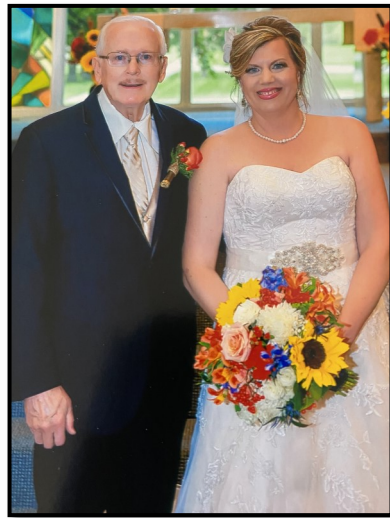
McCabe United Methodist Church who offered space for the search and rescue efforts for Lloyd.

ND Veteran’s Cemetery where his beloved wife Gloria is laid to rest.

Medora Foundation—one of Lloyd and Gloria’s favorites during the summer.

University of South Dakota School of Business

Thank you to the many coworkers and volunteers who searched for my dad, the employers who let us take time away from our jobs to search, those who provided monetary donations, food and water for the volunteers, the pilots that flew their planes to search and the fisherman who searched the waters for dad.



*One day we will meet again,
face to face and heart to heart.
We will wonder if it's okay to hug,
grieving for how time and space pulled us apart.
We will be reminded how in just one moment,
everything can change.
We will weep in waves for all we've lost,
we will search longingly for what remains.*

*And then joy and light will break through the clouds,
when we look into each other's eyes.
We will see the truth of who we are
when we remember what gives meaning to our lives.
Love endures past breath and blood -
the love between us never dies.*

*Even when life does not unfold according to our plans,
we will smile with hope and gratitude when
one day we meet again."*

-KIRSTEN ROBINSON



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A Celebration of Life

Lloyd T. Liken

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