

Willard "Bill" Forrest Clay, age 81 passed away peacefully surrounded by his loved ones on May 12, 2023, at the Galeon Community Memorial Home of Osakis, MN.

Bill was born in Osakis, MN to Forest and Inez (Peterson) Clay on August 29, 1941. After graduating from Osakis High School, Bill went on to work for Dale Tile Company and Grazzini Brothers until he retired in 2005. Bill enjoyed life outside, syruping, fishing, you would often find him in the woods. He enjoyed his Tuesday early morning coffee with friends, and in the winter months he would always have a puzzle to work on.

Bill is survived by his loving wife: JoAnn; children: Kevin (Christy) Clay of Cape Coral Florida, Pamela (Steven) Hauge of Elgin MN, Denise (Rodney) Peterson of Albert Lea MN, Stephanie (Chuck) Clay of Ely MN, Marcia (Nick) Frank of St. Cloud MN, Kimberly (Scott) Arenson of Roseau MN, Kari Duguay of Long Prairie MN, Kathy (Todd) Torgerson of Long Prairie MN, Darla (Scott) Holmquist of Osakis MN; many grandchildren; great grandchildren; sisters: Susan (Dale) Vosen of Little Falls MN, Sallie Habedank of Waite Park MN; brother: Rex (Judy) Clay of Long Prairie MN; brother in law: Ray Kuckenbecker of Rogers MN; along with many nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Forest and Inez; sister: Nancy Kuckenbecke; brother in law: Lester Habedank; granddaughter: Kelsey Hauge; great granddaughter: Arinnia Brazier; and childhood best friend: Richard Mikkelson.

***For Those I Love,
For Those Who Love Me...***

When I am gone, release me, let me go...

I have so many things to see and do.

You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears,

But let my spirit calm your fears,

I gave you my love. You can only guess

How much you gave me in happiness.

I thank you for the love you have shown,

But now it's time I traveled on alone!

So grieve a while for me, if grieve you must,

Then let your grief be comforted by trust.

It's only for a while that we must part,

So bless the memories that lie within your heart.

I won't be far away, for life goes on.

So if you need me, call and I will come.

Though you can't see me or touch me, I'll be near,

And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear

All of my love around you soft and clear.

And then, when you must come this way alone...

I'll greet you with a smile and say,

"Welcome Home."



Bill F. Clay

August 29, 1941 ~ May 12, 2023

In Memory of

Willard "Bill" Forrest Clay

August 29, 1941



May 12, 2023

Funeral Service

Salem Lutheran Church

Osakis, Minnesota

Thurs. May 18, 2023

11:00 AM

Officiant

Reverend Lexy Carson

Musicians

Emily Larson

Fischer Torgerson

Connor Gulbranson

Shelly Triebenbach

Casket Bearers

Brian Arneson

Jared Gavle

Josh Pelletier

Seth Berg

Isaac Frank

Cody Duguay

Honorary Casket Bearers

Gary Mickelson

The Gideon's

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