

Michael “Mike” Eugene Holmes was born on September 13, 1945 at Aberdeen, SD, the son of Orville and Mary Ellen Holmes. He grew up in Brookings before moving to Dell Rapids. After school he started working road construction and built bridges. He married Bernie Hey on September 7, 1968 at St. Mary Catholic Church in Dell Rapids. The couple made their home in Dell Rapids. Mike continued to work construction until working in law enforcement. He then returned to construction until he started working for Pheasant Land Industries at the South Dakota Penitentiary as a supervisor. He retired in June of 2012.



He was a member of the Elks Lodge, Sons of the American Legion and St. Mary Catholic Church.

Mike enjoyed wood working and tinkering. He loved working in his wood shop making various things for his children and grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents and an infant grandson, Chance Robinson.

Mike is survived by his wife of over 52 years, Bernie of Dell Rapids; his sons, Jim (Kary) Holmes and Steve (Linda) Holmes both of Sioux Falls; his daughter, Katie (Andy) Robinson of Dell Rapids; his grandchildren, Shelby, Owen, Ben, Logan and Makinlee; his brother, Randy (Lucy) Hausvik of Turton, SD and his sister, Peggy (John) Tisdell of Mitchell; his extended family and many close friends.

*In Memory of*

## **Michael “Mike” Holmes**

Born - September 13, 1945 ~ Died - May 20, 2022

### ***Christian Wake Service***

Kahler-Brende Funeral Home

Dell Rapids, South Dakota

Tuesday, May 24, 2022 ~ 7:00 p.m.

### ***Memorial Mass***

St. Mary Catholic Church

Dell Rapids, South Dakota

Wednesday, May 24, 2022 ~ 1:00 p.m.

### ***Celebrant***

Father Shane Stevens

### ***Honorary Casketbearers***

Shelby Holmes

Owen Holmes

Ben Holmes

Logan Robinson

Makinlee Robinson

### ***Inurnment***

St. Mary Cemetery

Dell Rapids, South Dakota

# Miss Me But Let Me Go

When I come to the end of the road  
And the sun has set for me  
I want no rites in a gloom-filled room  
Why cry for a soul set free?

Miss me a little-but not too long  
And not with your head bowed low  
Remember the love that we once shared  
Miss me-but let me go

For this is a journey that we all must take  
And each must go alone.  
It's all part of the Master's plan  
A step on the road to home

When you are lonely and sick of heart  
Go to the friends we know  
And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds  
Miss me but let me go.

*Author: Christina Georgina Rossetti*

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Dell Rapids, South Dakota*