

## REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF...

Orville "Chummy" Gustafson, 75, West Fargo, ND, died on Wednesday, June 8, 2022, after battling small cell lung cancer as a result of Agent Orange exposure.

Orville Dale Gustafson was born December 4, 1946, in Langdon ND to Orville and Dorothy (Bourbanis) Gustafson of Cavalier, ND. He attended country school and graduated from Cavalier High School. He then moved to Fargo ND, marrying Norma Gray (Felix) 1966-1987 and moved to West Fargo. Chummy served in the U.S. Army with deployment to Vietnam in 1969-1970 as a helicopter repairman with the 1st Brigade 101st Airborne earning the ARCOM, four Bronze Service Stars, among other individual and unit awards.

In the summer of 1994, he met JoAnn Gustafson (Oien). On August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018, they were married. Chummy worked for Fargo Iron and Metal in Fargo ND as a crane operator his entire career from 1964-2009.

Chummy loved spending time with family and friends and could always be found having gatherings at his home, often referred to as "The Garage." It would be hard not to find him staying busy with side jobs typically involving his torch and welder. Always the prankster, he would go out of his way to get a laugh at the expense of others.

He is survived by his wife JoAnn Gustafson, daughters Rhonda (Frank) Schumm of Walcott, ND, Sara Sheppard of Dilworth, MN and son Shawn (Philan) Gustafson of Firestone, CO. Stepchildren Jayr (Jessica) Oien, Shawnray (Jamie) Oien, Ben Oien, Angela Oien and Jason Oien. Grandchildren Jeremia Gustafson, Brittany (Jon) Mark, Connor Walker, Kian Gustafson, and Neya Gustafson and four great grandchildren. Brothers Robert (Nancy) Gustafson and Dennis (Marcella) Gustafson. Sisters Julie (Don) Hagar and Loretta Landen. Including many other family and friends.

Chummy was preceded in death by his parents Orville Dorothy (Bourbanis) Gustafson; brothers Olaf and Ken Gustafson.





## A Warrior's Welcome

Time to come home dear brother  
Your tour of duty is through  
You've given as much as anyone  
Could be expected to do  
Just a few steps further  
The smoke will start to clear  
Others here will guide you  
You have no need of fear  
You have not failed your brothers  
You clearly gave it all  
And through your selfless actions  
Others will hear the call  
So take your place of honor  
Among those who have gone before  
And know you will be remembered  
For now and evermore

# Celebrating the life of Orville "Chummy" Gustafson



### MEMORIAL SERVICE

West Funeral Home Chapel  
West Fargo, North Dakota  
Tuesday, June 14, 2022 - 10:30 a.m.

### CELEBRANT

Karie Freed

### EULOGY

Penny Parker

### SPECIAL MUSIC

Shaun Schipper, *soloist*  
"Say Goodbye"  
"Amazing Grace"

### HONORARY URN BEARERS

All grandchildren & great-grandchildren



### INTERMENT

Fargo National Cemetery                      Harwood, ND

### MILITARY RITES

ND Military Funeral Honors team /ARMY

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