

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF...

On March 15, 2023, while resting peacefully, surrounded by his family and listening to his album, Raymond Gutterud, Jr., 71, was called to his Heavenly home, at Lilac Homes Memory Care in Moorhead, MN.

Raymond was born September 15, 1951, in Langdon, North Dakota, to Raymond and Evelyn (Novacek) Gutterud. He was raised and educated in North and South Dakota, graduating from Roncalli High School 1969. He began his music career in his high school years. He attended college at the University of North Dakota and went onto helping his Uncle James on the Novacek family farm.

Raymond loved music. It became his most loved career, one that showcased his artistic talents of piano and voice for more than a decade as a one-man band entertainer, recording an album in 1982.

In the fall of 1968, Raymond met his soulmate, Karen Nygard. They married on November 9, 1972. He was a devoted husband and father. He and Karen welcomed into their world, Theresa Sack, Susan (Jason) Groves, and Christopher (Andrea) Gutterud. His grandchildren, Stephanie (John) Johnson, Remi Sack, CJ Sack, and Kloe Sack; Kyle (Courtney) Gietzen, Brittany Gietzen, and Aaron Groves; Ava, Anthony, and Tyler, were very important to him. He loved being a Grandpa, he was so good at it! Raymond was also blessed with six great-grandchildren, Gabriel, Silas, Abigail, Lily, Carter, and Henry.

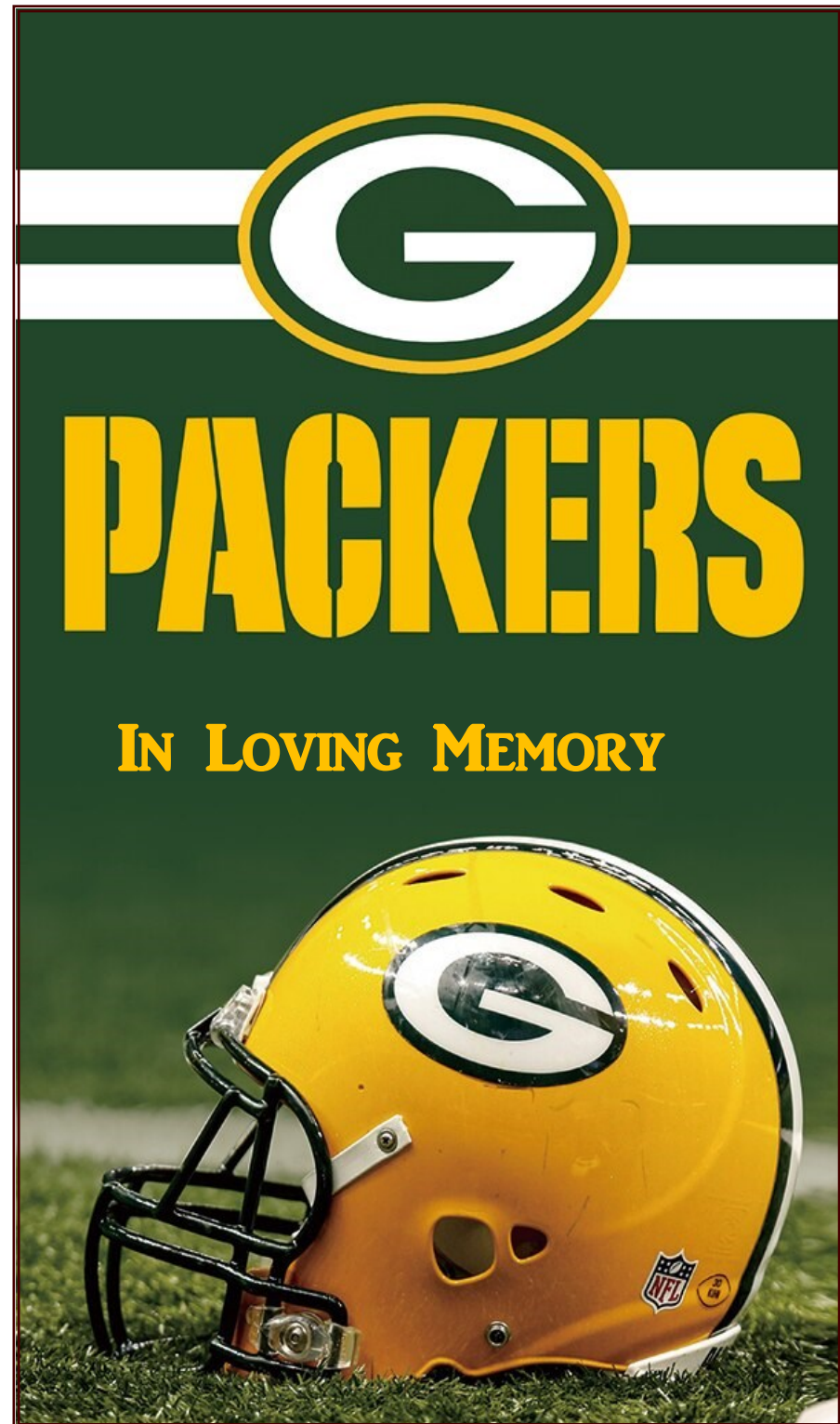
In the fall of 1991, Raymond began his semi-truck driving career, driving for a local company in North Dakota. It wasn't long until Karen joined him in the truck. They drove for Werner Enterprises, Omaha NE, before going independent with Landstar, Jacksonville, FL, as owner-operators. Together, they drove 7.6 million miles over 18+ years of 'vacationing while being paid' and visiting much of their family around the country.

Due to health reasons and to be centrally located within their families, Raymond and Karen moved to West Fargo. In his grandson, Aaron's words, he became a best friend, mentor, buddy and grandpa to him. In 2014, Raymond battled cancer, and won. In 2019, he was diagnosed with dementia. As his memory declined, he continued to recognize his family with a smile and a "Hi!".

Raymond will be greatly missed by his sister, Linda (George)



missed
Linz,





CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
RAYMOND GUTTERUD



MEMORIAL SERVICE

West Funeral Home Chapel
West Fargo, North Dakota
Sunday, March 26, 2023 - 2:00 p.m.

OFFICIANT

Fr. Phil Ackerman

READER

Linda Linz

SPECIAL MUSIC

Christopher Gutterud, *soloist*
"Save A Place For Me"
Raymond Gutterud, *recorded solo*
"My Way"

CONGREGATIONAL MUSIC

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 27, The Lord is My Light and My Salvation

HONORARY URN BEARERS

All of Ray's Grandchildren &

DO NOT LET YOUR HEARTS BE TROUBLED.
BELIEVE IN GOD, BELIEVE ALSO IN ME.
IN MY FATHER'S HOUSE THERE ARE MANY DWELLING PLACES.
IF IT WERE NOT SO, WOULD I HAVE TOLD YOU
THAT I GO TO PREPARE A PLACE FOR YOU?
AND IF I GO TO PREPARE A PLACE FOR YOU,
I WILL COME AGAIN AND WILL TAKE YOU TO MYSELF,
SO THAT WHERE I AM, THERE YOU MAY BE ALSO.
AND YOU KNOW THE PLACE TO WHERE I AM GOING.
THOMAS SAID TO HIM, "LORD, WE DO NOT
KNOW WHERE YOU ARE GOING.
HOW CAN WE KNOW THE WAY?"
JESUS SAID TO HIM, "I AM THE WAY,
THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE.
NO ONE COMES TO THE FATHER EXCEPT THROUGH ME.
IN A LITTLE WHILE THE WORLD WILL NO LONGER
SEE ME, BUT YOU WILL SEE ME;
BECAUSE I LIVE, YOU ALSO WILL LIVE."

JOHN 14:1-6, 19

*The family wishes to express their appreciation for
your kindness and support during this difficult time.
Please join them for fellowship following the service.*

RAYMOND GUTTERUD