

Remembering the life of....

Raymond Schaffer, 82, Fargo, ND, passed away on Sunday, Feb. 4, 2018.

Raymond Schaffer was born November 4, 1935, to Andrew and Barbara (Werlinger) Schaffer in Edgeley, ND where he attended school and grew up on the family farm.

He was joined in marriage to Verna Junker on Aug 23, 1958, and they were married for 28 years. Ray was drafted in the Army in 1958, and was stationed in Washington DC where he was a Presidential Honor Guard for President Eisenhower until 1960. Afterwards, they lived in Spokane, Washington, for a year until his father passed and then moved back to Fargo. They were blessed with three boys, Monte, Mark and Erin. He joined the Local 338 Union Plumbers and Pipe Fitters where he worked for over 55 years, during which in the fall of 1968, he worked as a contractor in Vietnam for 18 months. He was married to Caroline (Wilhelm) Swiontek from 1994-2007.

Ray enjoyed farming, hunting, fishing, water skiing, dancing and family. Ray loved going on an annual fishing trip with his boys where they had a trophy for the most notable event. He was happiest spending time with his family and going to his grandkids sporting events and concerts.

He may be gone but the footprints he left in everyone's heart will live on forever. Raymond will be missed dearly.

He is survived by his children: Monte (Amy) Schaffer, International Falls, MN, Mark (Dawn) Schaffer, Horace, ND, Erin (Nickie) Schaffer, Eden Prairie, MN; his grandchildren Lindsey Schaffer, Andrew Stubstad, Colton, Dawson, and Ethan Schaffer, Reyana and Lily Schaffer; his great-grandchildren Tori Pearson and Antonio Nunez. His brothers, William, Bernard (Patty) and Victor (Mary); his sisters, Irene Ohnstad, Bertha (Kenneth) Wolff, Helen (Allan) Lambrecht, and Carol (Wallace) Berg; and many nieces and nephews.

Ray is preceded in death by his parents, his brothers Herman and Clarence; sister-in-law LaVon Schaffer; brother-in-law Marvin Ohnstad; and niece Yvonne Ohnstad.





FINAL HARVEST

*He was bound to the land
from the day of his birth.*

*His roots anchored
deep in the fertile earth.*

*Nurtured, sustained,
by the soil he grew.*

*And his life, like furrows,
ran straight and true.*

In faith, each spring, he planted the seeds

In hope, to reap his family's needs

With patience, he waited for the harvest to come

To gather the fruits of his labor home.

Ever turning seasons, the years sped past

Till the final harvest came at last

Then claimed anew by beloved sod

He was gathered home to be with God.

- Barbara W. Weber



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

Celebrating the Life of

RAYMOND SCHAFFER

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FUNERAL MASS

Sts. Anne & Joachim Catholic Church

Fargo, North Dakota

Thursday, February 8, 2018 - 10:30 a.m.

Presider

Fr. Jayson Miller

Special Music

Cindy Hoselton, *Cantor*

Breanna Breidenbach, *Accompanist*

How Great Thou Art #425

On Eagles Wings #437

Here I Am Lord #379

Behold the Lamb #339

Song of Farewell #828

Amazing Grace #433

Casket Bearers

Scott Berg

Ron Schaffer

Scott Wolff

David Ohnstad

Rod Schaffer

Steve Bettenhausen

Bryan Schaffer

Honorary Bearers

Ray's Grandchildren

Lindsey Schaffer

Andrew Stubstad

Colton Schaffer

Dawson Schaffer

Ethan Schaffer

Reyana Schaffer

Lily Schaffer

Military Rites

Gilbert C. Grafton American Legion Post #2, Fargo

North Dakota Funeral Honors Team - US Army

Interment

Holy Cross Cemetery - South

Fargo, ND

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