

Remembering the life of....

Fred Hillen, 75, Fargo, ND died on Monday, March 18, 2019 at Bethany Retirement Living in Fargo.

Frederick Arthur Hillen was born on Nov. 20, 1943 in Highland Park, MI to Elmer and Ruth (Holycross) Hillen. He attended high school in Warren, MI and at age 17 enlisted in the US Air Force. He served in the Air Force from 1961 to 1965. On June 25, 1965, Fred married Peggy Thomas in Harvey, ND. They lived in Fessenden, ND and Jamestown, ND where he worked for Mellands International Harvester. They then moved to Wahpeton, ND where he worked for Wilrich and they settled in West Fargo in 1975. Fred worked for Clark Lift of ND, later Forklifts of ND as a sales rep and in other positions. Peggy passed away on Dec. 15, 2015.



Fred enjoyed bowling, playing cards, yardwork, fishing, playing horse shoes, family gatherings, playing catch in the backyard, teaching his kids and grandchildren how to roller skate and the occasional trip to the casino with Peggy. He was a member of the American Legion and DAV.

He is survived by two children, Bruce (Lynn) Hillen of West Fargo and Shannon (Jason) Bjornson of West Fargo, ND; daughter-in-law, Nancy Hillen; grandchildren, Shane, Shawn, Zachary, Austin, Jordann, Skyelor, Jayden, Cassandra and Carissa; great granddaughter, Sophia and soon to arrive great granddaughter.

Fred was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Peggy; sons, Shane (infant) and Lonnie; siblings, Raymond, Kathy & Carolynn.

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.



I'M FREE

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free!
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took His hand when I heard Him call.

I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found my peace at the end of day.

If my parting has left a void,

Then fill it with remembered joy-
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.

But be not burdened with times of sorrow.

I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow!

My life's been full, I've savored much-
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief
Don't try to lengthen it with undue grief.

Lift up your heart and share with me.

God wanted me. He set me free!



Celebrating the life of

FRED HILLEN



FUNERAL SERVICE

West Funeral Home Chapel

West Fargo, North Dakota

Saturday, March 23, 2019 - 2 p.m.

Officiant

The Rev. Nathan Richman
Hospice of the Red River Valley

Music

CD Selections

"Be Not Afraid" by Daniel O'Donnell

"How Great Thou Art" by Alan Jackson

"Amazing Grace" by Elvis Presley

Pallbearers

Shane Hillen

Zac Hillen

Austin Hillen

Jason Bjornson

Jerry Thomas

Troy Thomas

Honorary Pallbearer

Shawn Hillen

Interment

Holy Cross Cemetery - North

Fargo, ND



Military Rites

West Fargo VFW Post No. 7564
ND Military Funeral Honors Team

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