

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF...

Gary Cruff, 84, Kindred, ND passed away on Friday, February 28, 2020 at his home under the care of Hospice of the Red River Valley.

Gary LeRoy Cruff was born May 10, 1935, in his aunt's house in Valley City, North Dakota, the third child of Clair and Murlie Cruff of Rogers, North Dakota. Gary attended Logan District 17 County School through the 8th grade and graduated from Valley City High school in 1953. Gary was drafted into the Army from January 1954 through Dec 1955. He was stationed in Kansas, Texas, and also Germany. While in Germany, he was detached to the 259th guided missile battalion. After his service in the Army, he lived in San Diego, California working for Rohr Aircraft from 1957 until 1959. In 1959, he returned to North Dakota and married Sandra Trader of Oriska, North Dakota. They lived in Valley City and he was employed at the Barnes County Coop creamery until he started work with ASCS in 1961. While employed with ASCS, they lived in Linton, West Fargo, and Leonard North Dakota. Gary retired from government service in 1994. He and Sandra then moved to Lake Sybil in Vergas, MN, where they lived in their new lake home. Gary was very active in the Sybil Lake Association and the Ottertail County Lake Association. He was also a board member on the Ottertail Soil Conservation district, and a board member on the Ottertail County Water plan. Gary was a proud member of the American Legion and VFW. In September of 2012 they moved to Kindred to be closer to family and help with their two youngest granddaughters.

Throughout his life, Gary was always active in public service with Jaycees, Boy scouts, Lions, and 4-H. He was always building and working on craft projects. He enjoyed building elaborate doll houses, and he took great pride in his yard and garden. Gary and Sandra celebrated 60 years of marriage in December of 2019.

Gary is survived by his wife Sandra (Trader); son Charles Cruff (Michelle) Oriska N.D., their children Cody Middelkamp (Ashley), Callie Cruff, and Cassidy Schroder (Austin); son Derek Cruff (Ladine), their children Audra Cruff, and Isabelle Cruff, along with three great grandchildren Leif, Astrid, and Cailyn, and two more on the way; along with his siblings William (Kathy) Cruff and Bonnie Burchill.

Gary was preceded in death by his parents (Clair and Murlie Cruff), two brothers (Kenneth and James Cruff), two sisters (Murlie Foreman, and Carol Kiser).

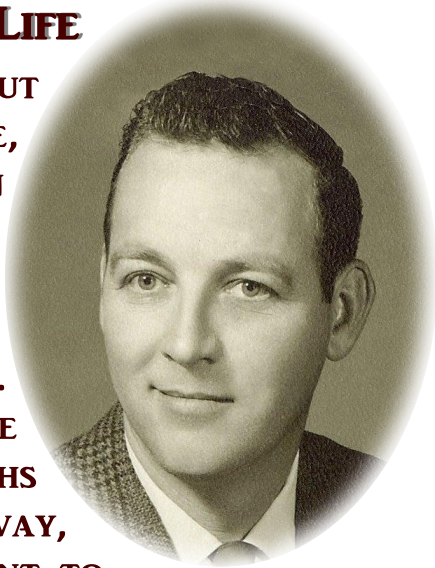


IN LOVING MEMORY

POEM OF LIFE

LIFE IS BUT
A STOPPING PLACE,
A PAUSE IN
WHAT'S TO BE,
A RESTING PLACE
ALONG THE ROAD,
TO SWEET ETERNITY.
WE ALL HAVE
DIFFERENT PATHS
ALONG THE WAY,
WE ALL WERE MEANT TO
LEARN SOME THINGS,
BUT NEVER MEANT TO STAY...
OUR DESTINATION IS A PLACE,
FAR GREATER THAN WE KNOW.
FOR SOME THE JOURNEY'S QUICKER,
FOR SOME THE JOURNEY'S SLOW.
AND WHEN THE JOURNEY FINALLY ENDS,
WE'LL CLAIM A GREAT REWARD,
AND FIND AN EVERLASTING PEACE,
TOGETHER WITH THE LORD.

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CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

GARY LEROY CRUFF

May 10th 1935-February 28th 2020

Officiant	Pastor Sam Propsom
Obituary	
Congregational Hymn	"Jesus Loves Me"
Greeting	
Prayer	
Scripture Reading	Matthew 11:28-30 Psalm 23 John 14:1-3, Verse 6
Special Music	"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"
Eulogy	Derek Cruff
Sermon	
Prayer	
Open Remembrance	
Lord's Prayer	
Commendation and Sending	
Congregational Hymn	"Amazing Grace"
Lunch and Fellowship	
Music	Ladine, Audra, and Isabelle Cruff
Pianist	Teresa Roesler
Honorary Pallbearers	All Nephews
Special Readers	Cody Middelkamp Callie Cruff Cassidy Schroder
Final Resting Place	Vergas City Veterans Cemetery

FOLLOWING THE SERVICE AND MILITARY
RITES, PLEASE JOIN THE FAMILY FOR LUNCH
AND FELLOWSHIP.

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