

### 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!

Celebrating the life of

# Ronald Wayne Bye

#### **Funeral Service**

Hoff Lutheran Church Rustad, Minnesota Friday, September 10, 2021 - 2 p.m.

#### Officiant

Rev. Jill Steichen

### **Special Music**

Charlette Moe - organist Garner Moe - soloist

"On Eagles Wings"

"In The Garden"

### **Congregational Hymns**

Beautiful Savior # 838 How Great Thou Art #856

## **Service Participants**

Nathan Bye (grandson) - Obituary reader Alexis Lundberg (granddaughter) - Scripture reader Joe Stadstad (son-in-law) - Family video tribute

#### **Urn Bearers**

His Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren
Alexis Natalie Erin Nathan Charleigh
Abraham & Jude
Honorary Bearers - Everyone in Attendance

#### Interment

Lower Wild Rice & Red River Cemetery Rural Hickson, North Dakota

The family wishes to express their appreciation for your kindness and support during this difficult time.

Please join them for fellowship following the service.

# Ronald "Ronnie" Bye

Remembering the life of.....

Ronald Wayne Bye, 80, of Moorhead, formerly Coon Rapids, MN, died Monday, August 30, 2021, at his home under the care of his family and Hospice of the Red River Valley.

Ronnie was born July I, 1941, in Moorhead, MN to Reuben and Joyce (Clemenson) Bye. He grew up in the house his father built in Rustad, MN, attending school in Rustad, Comstock, and graduating from Moorhead High in 1959. After high school, Ronnie served four years in the Army National Guard. He attended InterState Business College from 1960 to 1962 and began his career in mortgages, savings & loans at Twin City Federal in Minneapolis. On September 7, 1963, Ronnie married Nancy Brakke in Fargo, ND and together they made their home and raised their two children, Jon and Sheila, in Coon Rapids. Ronnie retired in 1996 and he and Nancy moved back to the Red River Valley in 2013, taking pleasure in being back near extended family.

An avid gardener, Ronnie took pride in keeping the most spectacular yard and flower gardens. He loved decorating his home, which included the most fancy adorned garage. Ronnie delighted in cooking for his family and friends, making the best Reuben sandwiches. He enjoyed traveling, dancing, playing cards, reading, trips to Menards, and visiting with relatives, neighbors, and friends. Ronnie treasured his time over the years with his "104th Lane family". From block parties to fishing trips and cruise vacations to softball games, he reveled in the block adventures. As a loving husband, devoted father, and doting grandfather, Ronnie cherished time spent with his family. His humble, tender hearted and empathetic spirit will be sorely missed.

Ronnie is survived by his wife, Nancy, of Moorhead, MN; his children Jon (Lorri) Bye, Blaine, MN and Sheila (Joe) Stadstad, Moorhead, MN; grandchildren, Alexis (Isaac) Lundberg, Natalie Bye, Erin (Taylor) Doeden, Nathan Bye, Charleigh Stadstad and great grandchildren, Abraham and Jude Lundberg; brother Clayton (Maxine) Bye of Ottertail, MN; sister Carol (Dennis) Krabbenhoft of Lake Park, MN; beloved aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and countless friends. Ronnie was preceded in death by his parents.

We would like to extend heartfelt thanks to Dr. Laura Nichols and her amazing team of nurses at the Moorhead Sanford Clinic and the Sanford home dialysis team in Fargo for their outstanding and compassionate care of Ronnie. Thank you to Hospice of the Red River Valley for granting Ronnie's wish to stay in his earthly home until he moved to his eternal home in heaven.