



In Loving Memory CELEBRATING A LIFE

Ronald "Ron" Joseph Esser was born January 23, 1939 to Theodore and Louise (Haider) Esser in Redfield. He attended St. Mary's Catholic School in Zell, SD until eighth grade and went on to graduate from Redfield High School. On October 14, 1961, Ron married Marlys Ann Hilkemeier. Soon after they married, Ron joined the U.S. Army. During his two years in the service, he spent one year in Germany. Upon completion of service, Ron and Marlys moved to the family farm. They farmed and raised cattle and hogs for many years.

In their free time, Ron and Marlys enjoyed spending time at the Missouri River. In 1985, they purchased their first trailer at West Whitlock. Ron spent many hours on the river fishing and time hunting with friends whenever he had the chance. After Ron retired, they were at the river as much as possible.

Ron was a member of St. Bernard Catholic Church and the Redfield Knights of Columbus.

Ron is survived by his loving wife, Marlys, of Redfield; his son, Jay (Deb), of Redfield and their girls: Olivia, Ashley, Elizabeth and Alexis; and his son, Darin of Rapid City, SD and his boys: Carter and Caden. He is also survived by his sister, Nadine Barry of McHenry, IL; his brother, Charles (Sue) Esser of Redfield; and his sister, Madonna Servi of Wisner, NE.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brothers-in-law: Jack Barry, Delvin Hilkemeier and Gary Servi; his sister-in-law, Monna Esser and his hunting partners: Don Brand and Ron Betten.

Strength



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Ronald "Ron" Joseph Esser

Born:

January 23, 1939
Redfield, SD

Died:

April 1, 2018
Redfield, SD





Ronald "Ron" Joseph Esser

Visitation

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 5, 2018

Hyke Funeral Home ~ Redfield, SD

Scriptural Prayer Service & Rosary at 7:00 p.m.

Mass of Christian Burial

10:30 a.m.

Friday, April 6, 2018

St. Bernard Catholic Church ~ Redfield, SD

Officiating

Reverend Tom Anderson

Music

Organist ~ Barb Baus

Cantor ~ Jane Burggraff

Music Selections

Amazing Grace ~ How Great Thou Art ~ On Eagle's Wings

Gift of Finest Wheat ~ Shall We Gather At The River

Bearers

Mike Betten ~ Steve Betten ~ Neil Brand ~ Sam Cramer

Dan Esser ~ Casey Fey ~ Ron McLain ~ Dave Willis

Honorary Bearers

Sheldon "Oz" Osborn ~ Gary Newman ~ Olivia Esser

Ashley Esser ~ Elizabeth Esser ~ Alexis Esser

Carter Esser ~ Caden Esser

Military Honors

Clay Kiser American Legion Post #92 ~ Redfield, SD

Paul A. Schleher VFW Post #2755 ~ Redfield, SD

SDARNG Military Honors ~ Watertown, SD

Final Resting Place

St. Bernard's Catholic Cemetery ~ Redfield, SD

Living Memory

*And on the 8th day,
God looked down on his
planned paradise and said,*

"I need a caretaker."

So God made a farmer.

-Paul Harvey

