

**MEMORIAL SERVICE**  
of  
**JOHN LARRY BULLER**  
Bethesda Mennonite Church, Henderson, Nebraska  
January 19, 2018

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**MEMORIAL SERVICE 2:00 p.m.**

Prelude		Linda Buller, Pianist
Call to Worship & Prayer		Pastor Jim Voth
“What a Friend we have in Jesus”		HWB 574
Life Sketch and Tribute		Pastor Dale Janzen
Scripture Reading	2 Timothy 4:7-8	Pastor Dale Janzen
“There’s a Land that Is Fairer than Day”		Insert
Sermon	“Crowns for All!”	Pastor Jim Voth
“How Great Thou Art”		Insert
Invitation to Lunch & Benediction		Pastor Jim Voth
Postlude		

**COMMITTAL SERVICE**  
**Mennonite Cemetery**

Scripture Readings		Pastor Dale Janzen
Committal Prayer and Blessing		Pastor Jim Voth

**CASKET BEARERS**

Paul Buller	Larry Roberts	John Crumly
Jay Wren	Dale Janzen	Joe Block

**MEMORIALS** may be directed to Mennonite Central Committee.

**LIFE SKETCH**

John Larry Buller, age 68, of Lincoln, Nebraska, died January 13, 2018 at Aurora, Nebraska. John Larry Buller was born on August 13, 1949 at York, and was the second son of John B. and Susie R. (Janzen) Buller. John Larry was born with Down Syndrome, which just meant he tried harder. He spent his first years growing up on the family farm southeast of Henderson, just down the hill from Lushton, Nebraska.

John Larry started school in Lushton, he then attended school in Lincoln at LARC (Lincoln Area Retarded Citizens) when he was nine. He lived with the Whitaker family in Havelock. John Larry moved to Martin Luther Training Center in Beatrice when he was 16, as LARC was closing, and lived in their dormitories. After two years in Beatrice at the Martin Luther Training Center, he was placed at University of Nebraska (UNL), Cather Pound Dining Services (City Campus, as he called it). He started work on September 11, 1967 at the age of 18 in a brand-new building, washing pots and pans at the same sink until his last day of work in April of 2012. As some may know, that building was imploded in June 2017. The remaining living halls of Cather Pound were imploded earlier this month. In 1967, while working in Lincoln, John Larry lived with the Baker family. He then moved in with his sister, Rachel Crumly, and her family in 1978 until she moved to Hartington in 1980. He moved once again to O.U.R. Homes, Independent Living, in Lincoln, where he lived for over 30 years.

John Larry did not want to retire, but health issues made the decision for him. He had enough unused vacation time to remain employed for an additional year, putting his total years of service at 46 at the same job. He met and made many wonderful friends while living in Lincoln. He moved to Bickford Cottages Assisted Living in Grand Island in April, 2013, until his health again deteriorated, and then moved to Aurora Memorial Community Care in October of 2016, living there until his passing.

Anyone knowing John Larry knew when it was his birthday because he told everyone. He had an unbelievable memory for birthdays. For most of his lifetime, he would send birthday cards to everyone he knew. While at UNL (or (City Campus,)) they had monthly birthday parties. Some years he had more than one!

John Larry is survived by his brother Paul (Linda) Buller; sisters: Lois (Larry) Roberts, Rachel (John) Crumly, and Nancy (Jay) Wren; nephews and nieces: Tim (Rachel) Buller, Tom (Jennifer) Buller, Marci (Todd) Ochsner, Dennis (Candace) Roberts, David (Rachael) Roberts, Lindsey (Chris) Blevins, Elizabeth (Bob) Bradley, Preston (Allie) Crumly, Jared (Sarah) Crumly, RJ, Susanna, Micah, and Jacob Wren. He is also survived by many great nephews and nieces, along with many other family members, and several friends, including special friend Angie Marlow of Lincoln.

He was preceded in death by his parents and twin nephews Casey and Christopher Wren.

**The family is grateful** for the love and support demonstrated by your presence today and invites you to a luncheon in the Fellowship Hall following the memorial service.



*In Loving Memory*  
*John Larry Buller*  
*August 13, 1949 - January 13, 2018*  
Bethesda Mennonite Church  
Henderson, Nebraska