

Kenneth Wayne Emerson was born on December 10, 1952, in Moorhead, MN, to Kenneth and Eleanor Emerson. Wayne's life was filled with laughter, love, and unforgettable moments. Wayne attended school in Barnesville and graduated from Barnesville High School in 1970. In his Junior High through 10th grade years, he played Football and Basketball. He was an honor student and sang in the choir (if he was placed next to Dale Rollie who could gently pull on his choir robe to keep him in tune). Throughout all of the years he played Legion baseball. He pushed himself through Moorhead State University and earned his teaching degree in three years. On August 3, 1974, he married Gloria Nygard at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Barnesville, MN. As life and teaching continued, he earned his Master's degree in reading. In his free time, Wayne played fast-pitched softball for years with the Wolverton team. Softball became a staple of family entertainment during summer weekends and created a lifetime of crazy memories.

Wayne was a dedicated teacher who touched the lives of many students during his time at Dilworth and Glyndon Elementary Schools. His classroom was a place of energy and heart, where he provided loving encouragement to every student. Known for always having Dum-Dums suckers at hand, Wayne made learning a sweet experience for all. He also volunteered his time to develop an elementary basketball league and coached various girls' basketball teams up to the varsity level for many years.

One of Wayne's proudest coaching achievements was with the DGF girls' softball teams and their successes becoming state champions. His famous phrase "ducks on the pond" resonated through the fields as he led teams to numerous state-level trips. He even had the honor of walking out and being recognized at the Target Field during a MN Twins game with his beloved DGF softball team.

Wayne spent countless summers running a painting crew at many countless projects which has led to countless stories and a few cold beer stops after a long day. Beyond teaching, coaching, and painting, Wayne had a gift for gab and a knack for selling shoes and t-shirts in the "Dog House" especially after midnight. He also enjoyed capturing special moments as a videographer for weddings and events. He kept himself entertained by listening to sports talk radio and reading the sports sections daily of the Star-Tribune and the Forum.

Wayne's infectious humor and endless clean (and sometimes not so clean) jokes brought joy to those around him. He cherished his family dearly, especially his wife Gloria, daughters Jamie (Brian) Scoles and Lindsey (Brandon) Emerson-Bueling, grandchildren: Emerson-Jean Scoles, Ari Buelling, and Harrison Homelvig. In addition to his immediate family, he is survived by brother Kip Emerson, sisters Karen Winsor and Susie Olson, sister-in-law JoAnn Emerson, and the Nygard family which he treasured. He is also survived by many near and dear educators, friends, countless students and athletes, too numerous to mention.

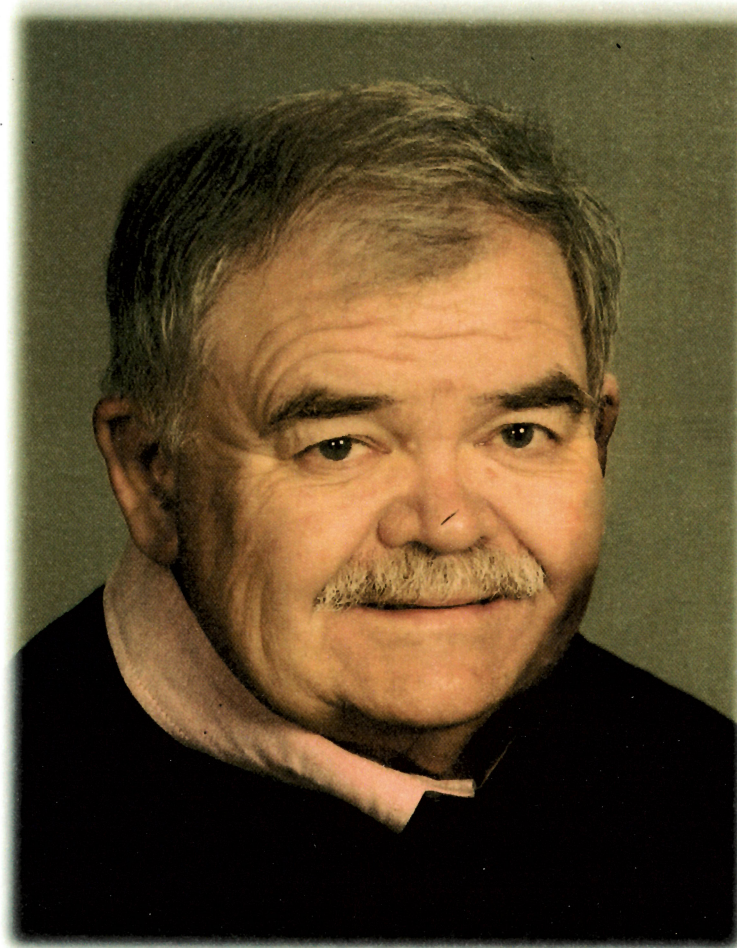
Those who have preceded him in death include grandson Landon Scoles, his parents Kenneth and Eleanor Emerson, brother Bruce Emerson, brothers-in-law Robert Winsor and Myles Olson, and sister-in-law Donna Emerson.

Wayne's legacy lives on through the countless lives he touched with his humor, kindness, and dedication. As we remember Mr. E with fondness in our hearts and laughter on our lips, may we continue to cherish the memories he created during his time with us.

Wayne Kenneth Emerson, lovingly known as Mr. E or Emer, passed away on Wednesday, May 22, 2024, after a long gallant fight to live, at the age of 71 years, 5 months, and 12 days.

May His Memory Be Blessed.

In Loving Memory Of



Wayne Emerson
December 10, 1952 ~ May 22, 2024

In Celebration for the Life Of
Wayne Emerson

FUNERAL SERVICE

Monday, June 3, 2024, 1:00 pm
Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton High School
Glyndon, Minnesota
Celebrant ~ Duane Morey

MUSIC

Sharlene Allen ~ Pianist Terri Trickle ~ Soloist

Selections

"Most People Are Good" *"Dancing In The Sky"*
"No Hard Feelings" *"Take Me Out To The Ballgame"*

Congregational Songs

"On Eagles Wings" *"Oh Lord, It's Hard To Be Humble"*

PALLBEARERS

Kip Voessler Steve Molstre Nancy Cole Doug Johnson
Ron Drechsel Mark Desing Terry Schepp Greg Schmitz

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Dale Rollie Everett Rollie Phil Carlson Randy Emerson
Kevin Solum Brad Field Keith Kragerud Ron Tollefson
Wolverton Softball Team

INURNMENT (at a later date)

Faith Lutheran Cemetery
Wolverton, Minnesota

APPRECIATION

On behalf of Wayne's family, thank you for your love and support throughout his life, especially these past months. We appreciate your prayers and your time as his life is honored.

Please join us for a time of food and fellowship following the funeral service.

TEACHERS
who LOVE
teaching,
..... teach
children
TO love LEARNING.

*Arrangements Entrusted to Dobmeier Funeral Home
Barnesville, Minnesota*