

Maynard W. Bjerke passed away at his home under the care of CHI Health at Home Hospice, with his wife Diane (Emery), son Evan, and his dog Pixell by his side.

Maynard was born on July 10, 1933, to John and Pearl (Stokes) Bjerke at Ft. Ransom, ND. His many hobbies included reading and fixing up old sleds, push mowers and fiddles. He loved music, and he even took fiddle lessons for a while. He was a very talented mechanic, having graduated from Hansen's Mechanical School. For a time he ran a Texaco service station in Abercrombie, ND, and then Bjerke's Auto Repair in Rosholt, SD. His last job was with Red River Telephone in Abercrombie. He spent many hours cleaning up old tools, especially monkey wrenches. He was an avid gardener and enjoyed sharing what he grew with others. Maynard loved flowers, in which roses were his favorite.

Maynard married Diane Emery on December 4, 1982. After moving to town, he and Diane spent many hours driving around looking at flowers and vegetable gardens. He loved having his grandson Robert, and his family next door, getting to know his great-granddaughters and watching them play with daughter Holly's kids. It was a blessing that the two of them could talk about all of their common interests and add to their collections

Maynard and Diane enjoyed going to auctions, flea markets, antique shops, and rummage sales. His favorite place to take his family was Ft. Ransom Sodbuster Days, where they all enjoyed the horse drawn farming, all the engines, tools, and blacksmithing exhibitions. There he would visit with old friends and family enjoying the rommegrot, ice cream, lefsa and knoephla soup. He especially loved Holly's knoephla soup. He loved to eat! He even stopped by the Richland Church after getting out of the hospital to eat his share of lutefisk and Evan learned to fix lutefisk so Maynard could have it anytime he wanted.

During the last year Evan and Maynard made many trips to Farm City and Walmart to collect tractors and look at tools.

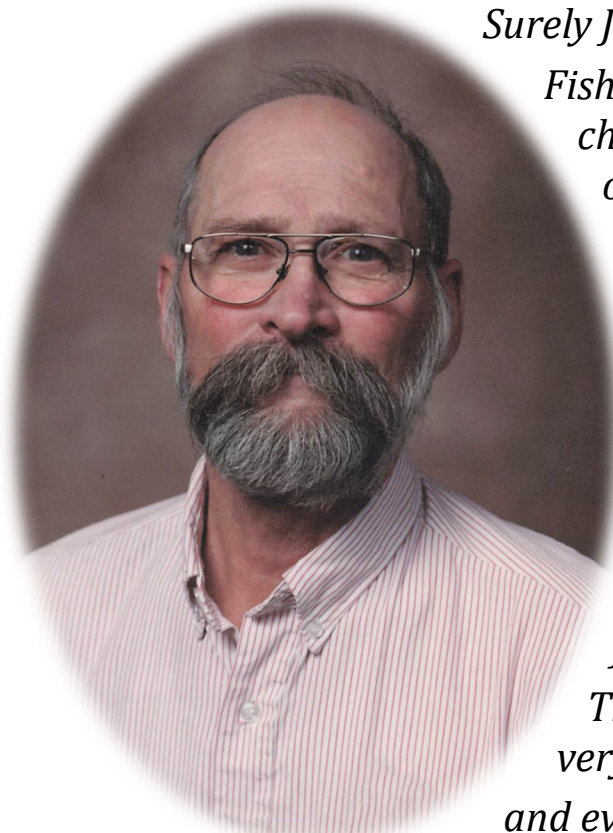
He is survived by his wife, children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, one brother, and many other family members.

In Memory

Maynard William Bjerke
1933 - 2022

In Loving Memory

Maynard W. Bjerke



*Surely Jesus loves
Fishermen for He
chose them for His
own, to be with
Him and learn
from Him and
someday share
His home. It
must have been
their trust in
God and
patience He
found rare,
That keeps them
very near His heart
and ever in His care.*

-Anne Kujawa

Born

July 10, 1933 - Fort Ransom, North Dakota

Passed Away

February 18, 2022 - Breckenridge, Minnesota

Age

88 Years 7 Months 8 Days

Funeral Service

2:00 PM - Sunday, May 22, 2022

United Church of Christ - Wahpeton, North Dakota

Officiant

Pastor Ken Adams

Organist

Connie Raguse

Readers

Cathy Johnson and Colette Barton

Soloist

Alicia Blaufuss

"I Come To The Garden" - "How Great Thou Art"

Music

Recording - "Ashoken Farewell"

Hymn No. 506 - "What A Friend We Have In Jesus"

Hymn No. 433 - "In The Bulb There Is A Flower"

Hymn No. 327 - "Jesus Loves Me"

Recording - "May The Road Rise Up To Me You"

Interment

Fairview Memorial Gardens - Wahpeton, North Dakota

Vertin-Munson Funeral Home - Wahpeton, ND

Funeral Director: Whitney Demarais, Shanna Grumbles - www.vertinmunson.com