

**John A. Borotrager**, age 91, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on January 7, 2024, at Temperance Lake Ridge in Sherburn, MN. John was born on October 11, 1932, in a boxcar during the Great Depression to Andrew and Barbara (Plank) Borotrager, in Anderson County, Kansas. John's family was Amish for the first three years of his life, and then Mennonite for several years following that. He attended various country schools as his family moved around different parts of Kansas following his father's jobs.

John proudly served his country in the Air Force from 1952 until his honorable discharge in 1956. Following his time in the service, John went to a semester of college in Pratt, Kansas on the GI bill, and later worked in the area for a local farmer and at Boeing Aircraft. After he and 12,000 others were laid off by Boeing, John decided to move away from Kansas and to Minnesota, where he worked at Abbott Hospital for two years while attending Dunwoody College where he learned to weld. While he was still working and attending school in Minneapolis, John met the love of his life, Beverly Suter. John and Bev were united in marriage on March 28, 1959, and were blessed with three children, Scott, Steven, and Bruce.

John and Bev relocated their family to Trimont in 1964 when they had the opportunity to purchase the Kramer Welding and Blacksmith Shop. They renamed the shop, "Trimont Welding and Blacksmith" and owned and operated the business for 33 years until December 31, 1997. John was a very skilled welder, and could always be found tinkering with something in the shop.

John was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, and friend. He enjoyed fishing, deer hunting, and playing fast pitch softball in his younger days. John and Bev enjoyed traveling together, and went to Europe three times, Hawaii, Alaska, Canada, East Coast, West Coast, and they would winter in Arizona. Some of John's favorite memories were of his family camping trips and cooking over the fire.

John is survived by his loving wife, **Beverly Borotrager**; children, **Scott** (Tammy), **Steven**, and **Bruce** (Heather); grandchildren, Shane (Karen), Kelsey (Tyler), Tiffany (Kenneth), Sarah, Hannah (Christen), Rachel, Adam, Sydney, and Sam; ten great grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; brothers, Dan (Donna), Charles (Dee); sister, Betty Eash; brothers-in-law, Roger Suter and Robert (Linda) Suter; sisters-in-law, Carol Suter, Maralyn (Gary) Krumwiede, Karalyn (Darnell) Furland, Joyce (Jerry) Simon, Evelyn (Chuck) Rudolph, Sylvia (Jim) Pytleski, and Peggy (Chuck) Haugen; and many other relatives and friends. John is preceded in death by his parents, Andrew and Barbara Borotrager; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Herbert and Elsa (Mathiason) Suter; brothers, Andrew (Shirley) Borotrager and David (Nora) Borotrager; brother-in-law, Gail Suter; and other relatives and friends.



**In Loving Memory**

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## Visitation

4:00 PM–7:00 PM

Sunday, January 14, 2024

Sinn Family Celebration of Life Center  
Trimont, Minnesota

## Celebration of Life

11:00 AM

Monday, January 15, 2024

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Trimont, Minnesota

## Officiant

Chuck Rudolph

## Soloist

Ryan Faber

## Music

Jealous of the Angels - Recorded, Donna Taggart

In the Garden - Soloist

The Lord's Prayer - Soloist

I Can Only Imagine - Soloist

Amazing Grace - Congregational

## Urn Bearer

Sydney Borntrager

## Final Resting Place

Fairview Memorial Park Cemetery  
Rural Fairmont, MN

## *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've found that peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembering joy  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I've savored much,  
Good friends, good times, my loved one's touch.*

*If my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief  
Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now; He set me free!*

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