

Remembering the Life....

Ronald "Ronnie" Harry Drager was born on January 9, 1941, in Fergus Falls, Minnesota, the son of Harry Carl and LaVerne (Zahnow) Drager. He was raised in Fergus Falls, baptized, and confirmed in Trinity Lutheran Church in Fergus Falls. Ronald graduated from Fergus Falls High School in 1959. After high school, Ronald enlisted in the U.S. Navy, serving for 4 years until his honorable discharge. Ron attended NDSCS in Wahpeton, earning his Electricians Degree.

Ronald and Beverly Drager met accidentally when his date locked herself out of her apartment and asked if Ronnie could bring her to her friend Bev's. Bev was sitting at the table dressed in a bright orange bathrobe, hair in curlers, eating pizza and drinking Coca-Cola, studying for her exams. Two years later, Bev and Ronnie were married on March 19, 1966, in Trinity Lutheran Church in Fergus Falls. Ronnie and Bev were passionately in love with each other. Would move mountains and their households for one another. As their children, we are ecstatic that they are together again.

They lived in East Grand Forks, MN, where Ron worked at Northwestern Bell as a lineman and later as a supervisor. After Bell telephone divested. Ronnie chose to leave Northwestern Bell and work with AT&T. Consequently, the family moved to White Bear Lake in 1985 and a year later to Easton, Pennsylvania. Ron worked as a corporate executive and inventor until he retired. Ron and Bev were involved with Boy Scouts for 12 years, where he received numerous awards and acknowledgments. They attended Immanuel Lutheran Church in Grand Forks, ND, where Ron was an Elder, held multiple church positions, and participated in Children's Christian Education. In 1993, Ron and Bev moved back to the Midwest, to Casselton, ND. Just before moving back to the Midwest, Ron began his career as a postman and served the Fargo-Morehead area on town and rural routes. Ron became more involved in the VFW, held the office of Chaplin, and assisted with color guard for memorial services. In 2017 Ronnie and Bev moved to Fergus Falls.

Ron and Bev enjoyed spending time at their summer place, "The Love Shack," on the Otter Tail River. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, and tending to his yard to the point that Bev and Andrea would hand him a level to ensure the grass was even. He had a passion for watching and feeding the birds year-round. Ron was very proud of his time in the Navy onboard The USS Cowell DD 547. Ron enjoyed attending his Navy Reunions and even helped Bev organize one in Rapid City, SD. Ronnie was very traditional and family oriented; he took pride in being the oldest male heir of the Drager family. Ron cherished his time with family and friends and was a dog guy who cats loved.

On Thursday, July 28, 2022 Ron died at his home in Fergus Falls, at the age of eighty-one years.

He is survived by two children, Christopher (Dena) Drager of Racine, WI, and Andrea (Ken) Watkins of Fergus Falls; four grandchildren, Drew (Jessica) and Sophia (Noah Greenfield) Drager and Echo and Kaleb Watkins; a great-granddaughter, Addilyn Drager; two sisters, Marlene (Melvin) Reed of Fergus Falls and Romaine Andel of Dilworth, MN; and by numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Beverly, brother-in-law Gerald Andel, and son-in-law, Ken Watkins.

*Blessed be the Memory of
Ronald Drager*



In Loving Memory of



*Husband - Father
Grandfather*

Footprints

One night I had a dream. I was walking along the beach with the Lord, and across the skies flashed scenes from my life. In each scene I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand. One was mine, and one was the Lord's.

When the last scene of my life appeared before me, I looked back at the footprints in the sand, and to my surprise I noticed that many times along the path of my life there was only one set of footprints.

And I noticed that it was at the lowest and saddest times in my life.

I asked the Lord about it. "Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you, you would walk with me all the way. But I notice that during the most troublesome times in my life there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why you left my side when I needed you most."

The Lord replied, "My precious child, I love you and would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, where you see only one set of footprints, I was carrying you."



In Loving Memory Of

Ronald Harry Drager

January 9, 1941 ~ July 28, 2022

Visitation

Wednesday, August 3, 2022, 2:00 PM

Prayer Service

3:00 PM at Glende-Nilson Funeral Home, Fergus Falls, Minnesota

Officiating

Reverend Craig Palach

Invocation and Psalm.....Psalm 23

P: The LORD is my Shepherd; I shall not want.

C: He makes me to lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside quiet waters. He restores my soul.

P: He guides me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

C: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for You are with me, Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

P: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

C: Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Scripture reading..... Ecclesiastes 3 & Romans 6

Funeral Message

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

I will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Interment at a Later Date

Fargo National Cemetery, Harwood, North Dakota

Appreciation

Ronald's family is grateful for your attendance at this service. Your many expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated.

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