

## Remembering...

Robert Mardell Softing was born on March 8, 1936 to Marth and Ragnald (Abrahamson) Softing in Hawley, MN, their only child. He grew up on a farm near Rollag, MN. He started elementary school in Hawley before changing to Barnesville in 1948 where he continued his education and played trumpet in the band. He graduated from Barnesville High School with the Class of 1954.

While riding the school bus, Bob would meet Clarice Larson and they would later be married on October 26, 1954. They were married at Rev. Stokka's parsonage. They began their married life living with Bob's parents and eventually moved to Moorhead, MN. Their son Jeffrey was born there in 1955. Bob was a jack of all trades throughout his young life. He worked as a farm hand on a couple of different farms, the Armour Packing Plant in West Fargo, and then onto M & H Gas and Service Station, starting out in Moorhead. He would eventually be transferred to be the manager of the store in Fergus Falls for about four years. His dad became ill with leukemia, so he returned to Rollag to take over the family farm. From 1962 to 2018 he and Clarice would continue operating the farm.

Bob would serve on the Barnesville Fire Board, Skree Township Board, and was the president of Grong Lutheran Church in Rollag for many years.

Tractors and tractor pulls would be a passion of Bob's as he would buy tractors from the tri-state area and restore them. He and Clarice spent many years on the tractor pull circuit, travelling near and far. Bob also liked to find time to go fishing, boating, camping, and helping be a mentor at his church. He was also active in supporting Wilderness Bible Camp, a camp of the Free Church Association, on Big Cormorant, by constructing buildings and improving the grounds. Later in life they became members of the Maranatha Church in Glyndon, MN. They sold the farm in 2018 and moved to Dilworth, MN.

Bob is survived by one son, Jeff (Valerie) Softing of Fargo, ND; two grandsons: Michael Softing, of Las Vegas, NV, and Greg (Megan) Softing, of Fargo, ND, parents of great-granddaughter Camille Softing.

He was preceded in death by his wife Clarice in 2021 and his parents Marth and Ragnald Softing.

Robert 'Bob' Softing, Dilworth, MN, died on May 21, 2024 at Sanford on Broadway in Fargo, ND, at the age of 88 years, 2 months, and 13 days.

*May His Memory Be Blessed*

## In Celebration For The Life Of



**Robert Mardell Softing**  
March 8, 1936 ~ May 21, 2024

## My Farm

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My farm to me is not just land  
Where bare unpainted buildings stand—  
To me, my farm is nothing less  
Than all created loveliness.

My farm is not where I must soil  
My hands in endless dreary toil  
But where, through seed and swelling pod  
I've learned to walk and talk with God.

My farm to me, is not a place  
Outmoded by the modern race  
For here, I think, I just see less  
Of evil, greed and selfishness.

My farm's a haven—here dwells rest,  
Security and happiness—

Whate'er befalls the world outside  
Here faith and hope and love abide.

And so my farm is not just land  
Where bare unpainted buildings stand—  
To me, my farm is nothing less  
Than all God's hoarded loveliness.

*Arrangements Entrusted to Dobmeier Funeral Home,  
Barnesville, Minnesota*

## *In Loving Memory of* Robert "Bob" Softing

### FUNERAL SERVICE

Saturday, June 1, 2024, 11:00 AM  
Maranatha Free Lutheran Church  
Glyndon, Minnesota

### OFFICIATING

Pastor Lloyd Quanbeck

### MUSIC

Jean Quanbeck & Keziah Quanbeck ~ Musicians

### Selections

*"Sweet Hour Of Prayer"*

*"Nearer My God To Thee"*

### Congregational Hymns

*"The Old Rugged Cross" #78*

*"When The Roll is Called Up Yonder" #555*

### PALLBEARERS

Mike Softing   Greg Softing   Tony Softing   Darren Larson  
Eric Swenson   Joey Swenson   Glenn Urlacher

### INTERMENT

Grong Cemetery  
Rollag, Minnesota

### APPRECIATION

On behalf of Bob's family, thank you for your love and support throughout his life. 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.