

Roger Dennis Wagner was born on May 29, 1935, to Raymond Christ and Hazel Irene (Ellis) Wagner at St. Ansgar Hospital in Moorhead, MN. He grew up in rural Clay County and he started country school through the 8th grade, and then attended Dilworth High School.

At the age of 17 years old, he started taking flying lessons. He then received his pilot license before entering the US Army and served his country from 1955-1957 in Korea. He returned home to Minnesota and got his commercial flying license.

On July 7, 1962, he was united in marriage to Eleanor Marie Dow in Rothsay, MN. They started out their married life in Moorhead, MN. In 1969, they built a house in Alliance Township in rural Baker, MN where they have continued to live. Roger farmed and also aerial crop spraying for 30 years. He raised potatoes and then went to sugar beets in 1975. He also raised grain and beans. He loved air shows, after retiring. They went to the Oshkosh Air Shows in Wisconsin. He also enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping, photography, military history, and doing the cryptoquip in the newspaper.

Roger is survived by his wife, Eleanor: two children: Debra Wagner, of Rochester, MN; and Robert Wagner, of Barnesville, MN; two sisters: Joanne Reitan, of Moorhead, MN; and Dona Mae of Hastings, MN; and several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Roger is preceded in death by his parents; and one brother, Richard Wagner.

Roger Dennis Wagner passed away on Friday, April 29, 2022, at his home in rural Barnesville, Minnesota, at the age of 86 years and 11 months.

May His Memory Be Blessed

Funeral Arrangements Entrusted to | Dobmeier Funeral & Cremation Services | Barnesville, Minnesota

High Flight

Oh! I have slipped the surly bonds of earth
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;
Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth
Of sun-split clouds-done a hundred things
You have not dreamed of-wheeled and soared and swung
High in the sunlit silence. Hov'ring there
I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung
My eager craft through footless halls of air.

Up, up the long, delirious, burning blue
I've topped the wind-swept heights with easy grace
Where never lark, nor even eagle flew
And, while with silent lifting mind I've trod
The high untrespassed sanctity of space
Put out my hand and touched the face of God.

In Loving Memory of Roger D. Wagner

PRAYER SERVICE

Thursday, May 5, 2022 | 7:00 PM | Reverend Matt Valan | Dobmeier Funeral Home | Barnesville, Minnesota

FUNERAL SERVICE

Friday, May 6, 2022 | 11:00 AM | Reverend Brett Hartwig | Trinity Lutheran Church | Sabin, Minnesota

ORGANIST: Anne Morris | SOLOIST: Rosie Carr

SELECTIONS: "Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone" | "Jesus Love Me"
SPECIAL MUSIC: "The Army Goes Marching Along"
CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS: "How Great Thou Art" | "Onward Christian Solders"

PALLBEARERS

Debra Wagner | Todd Thompson | Tim Thompson | Jim Wagner | Ted Terfehr | Josh Hanson

MILITARY HONORS

Barnesville Honor Guard ~ American Legion Post #153 | VFW Post #4628 | Minnesota National Guard Honor Squad

INTERMENT

City Cemetery | Barnesville, Minnesota

APPRECIATION

On behalf of the Wagner family, thank you for your love and support throughout Roger's life. We appreciate your well wishes and your time as we honor him. Please join us for a time of fellowship and food following the service.