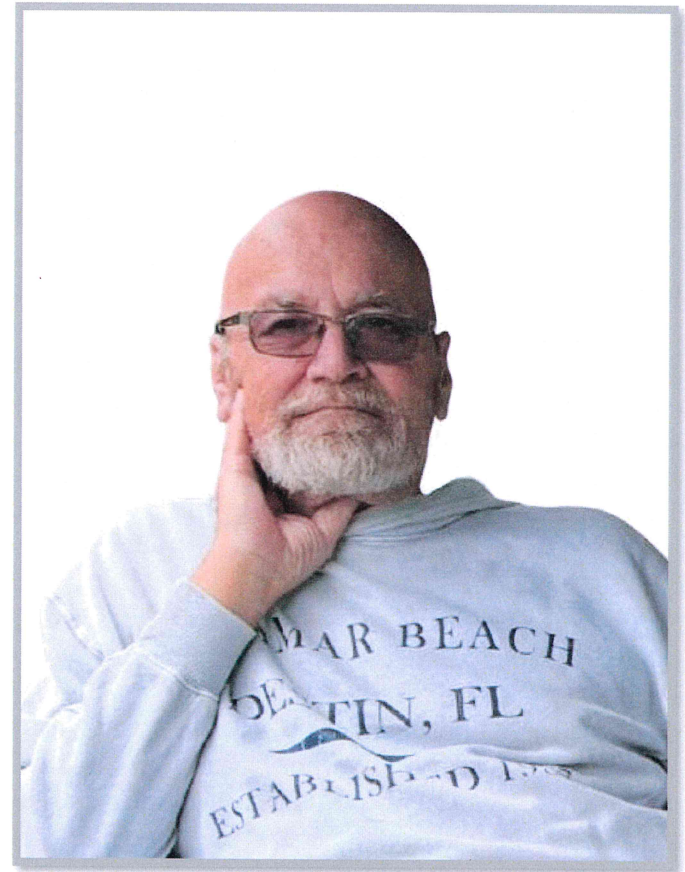


Remembering The Life Of
Rocky Joe Waterman

Do not stand at my grave and weep
I am not there. I do not sleep.
I am a thousand winds that blow.
I am the diamond glints on snow.
I am the sunlight on ripened grain.
I am the gentle autumn rain.
When you awaken in the morning's hush
I am the swift uplifting rush
Of quiet birds in circled flight.
I am the soft stars that shine at night.
Do not stand at my grave and cry;
I am not there. I did not die.

Mary Elizabeth Frye



Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you; not as the
world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be
troubled, neither let them be afraid.

John 14:27



Rocky was born on December 16, 1953, to Marvin F. and Donna McMurray Waterman in Hawarden. He grew up in Hawarden, attended school, and graduated from West Sioux in 1973. He married Alice Marie Mapes on August 17, 1974, at the American Lutheran Church in Hawarden. They are blessed with two beautiful children, Kirsten and BJ. Rocky worked various jobs, including his father's construction business, Mapes Nursing Home/Hillcrest Care Center, Coilcraft, and the City of Hawarden, where he worked as groundskeeper for Grace Hill Cemetery and the public parks. He took great pride in caring for the outdoors, as well as his hobby of genealogy, gathering volumes of family information and history for the past 20+ years. Rocky passed away peacefully on Monday, June 8, 2026, at Hawarden Regional Healthcare Hospital at the age of 72.

Family was very precious to him. He is survived by his loving wife of 51 years, Alice; daughter, Kirsten Waterman of Coffeyville, Kansas; son, Benjamin (BJ) and his wife Becky Waterman of Hawarden; grandson, Ethan Stotts of Coffeyville, Kansas; step grandchildren, Lane and Leigha Sohl both of Hawarden; brothers, Rick (Kim) Waterman and John (Nancy) Jacobs of Hawarden, and Marty Waterman of Chatsworth; sisters, Connie Kemper of Fairmont, Minnesota, Jenyce (Jack) Calkins of Amarillo, Texas, Janie (Tom) Murran, Val (John) Gries, and Anna Marie (Todd) Krug all from Hawarden. He is also survived by brother-in-law, Mick (Linda) Mapes of Platte City, Missouri; sisters-in-law, Cheryl Lewison of Elgin, Iowa, Julayne Tanata of Hawarden, Mary (Kent) Jespersen of Greenville, South Carolina, and Marge Waterman of Tea, South Dakota. He leaves many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins. He loved his family dearly and will be missed by all including special friends and neighbors.

Rocky was preceded in death by his father and mother; special step-mother, Ann; grandparents, Merlyn and Alberta Waterman and Donald and Rose McMurray; brothers, Myron, Marlo, Steve and Stuart Waterman; sisters-in-law, Ginger Waterman and Julie Waterman; brothers-in-law, Fred Tanata and Bob Kemper; uncles, Chips and Randy Waterman; as well as father and mother-in-law, Roy and Elna Mapes.

In Loving Memory Of Rocky Joe Waterman

MEMORIAL SERVICE

10:30 a.m. Saturday, June 20, 2026

American Lutheran Church

Hawarden, Iowa

OFFICIANT

Pastor Kandi Anderson

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Amazing Grace"

"Come To Jesus"

"Go Rest High On That Mountain"

"Over The Rainbow/A Wonderful World"

*Rocky's family wishes to invite you for a time of food
and fellowship at the Hawarden Community Center
following the service.*