

Donn Aldean Rau, born on November 12, 1950, in Breckenridge, Minnesota, was the firstborn of ten children to Donald and Alois Rau.

He graduated from high school in Kensington, Minnesota, in 1969 and joined the Air Force. On July 2, 1971, he married Marsha Pfau. Shortly after the wedding, he was deployed to Vietnam. After returning from the war, he and Marsha began their family, having four children over the years. Due to military moves, they eventually settled in Fargo, North Dakota, where he resided with his wife, Marsha, for the last 35 years.

Donn is survived by his mother, Alois Rau, and three brothers and four sisters: his wife of 54 years, Marsha Rau (Pfau), their children, Donald (Jackie) Rau, Ellen (Danny) Damron, Jennifer Rau, and Jonathan (Amy) Rau, and eight grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father and two of his brothers.

In life, Donn strived to be a good father and was most proud of his children & military career.

He passed away peacefully in his home on Friday, August 8, 2025.

"May your pillow be soft, may your coffee be hot, and always keep the shiny side up." - Donn



In Loving Memory



DONN ALDEAN RAU

November 12, 1950 - August 8, 2025

*Gone is the soul that we have loved--
A husband who has done his work,
A father, brother, loved by all,
Who, from his duties, did not shirk.
But on and on he forged ahead
Until his work on earth was done.
And now he sits among the blest,
Beside the Christ--the Father's Son.
We will not pause to shed a tear,
For we shall meet him over there,
Where greater duties are performed
In cloudless lands where all is fair.*

~ Franklin Lee Stevenson

Remembering

DONN RAU

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Funeral Service

Saturday, August 16, 2025 - 11:00 AM
Zion Lutheran Church
Hoffman, Minnesota

Officiants

Pastor Bill Aufdenkamp
Pastor Keith Brustuen

Congregational Hymns

Debi Anderson - Organist
"My Faith Looks Up To Thee" #702
"Take My Life And Let It Be" #783
"Just As I Am" #570
"Beautiful Savior" #537

Military Honors

Grand Forks Air Force Base

Pallbearers

Zander Lawton - Noble Rau - Colten Rau
Braeden Rau - Donald Rau - Jonathan Rau

Burial

Zion Lutheran Cemetery
Hoffman, Minnesota

All are invited to a luncheon following the service.