

Russell Gene Severson passed away on February 15, 2025, at the Clarkfield Care Center in Clarkfield, Minnesota. He was born on March 22, 1945, at Rice Memorial Hospital in Willmar, Minnesota, to Arvid Dallas Severson and Betty Marie (Bailie) Severson.

He graduated from Clarkfield High School in 1963, where he participated in many sports. In 1965 he joined the US Air Force and upon returning from basic training and tech school, married Patricia Koster. After 22 years in the USAF, he retired in 1985 in Aurora, Colorado. He continued his career working for Lockheed Missile and Space Company. In 1988 he was divorced. In 2007, he returned to Clarkfield and in 2012 became a resident of the Clarkfield Care Center.

Throughout his life, Russell was an avid sports fan whether participating or watching. He could be found at the softball field, basketball court, golf course, or several nights a week at the local bowling alley. He traveled around the United States bowling in various tournaments. He would watch any team on tv but never missed a game of the Minnesota Twins or Vikings.

Russell was predeceased by his mother and father. He is survived by his daughter, Amy Christopher; granddaughter, Caitie Christopher, and great-granddaughter, Elaine of Anchorage, Alaska; daughter, Krista (Robert) LaBar; grandsons, Brandon (Loree), Kevin, and Matthew of Wantage, New Jersey; brother, Sheldon (Lana) Severson, as well as nieces, nephews and their families of Gresham, Oregon.

In Loving
MEMORY



Russell G. Severson

MAR. 22, 1945 † FEB. 15, 2025

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—and 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, or ever 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 Memory of

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March 22, 1945



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Memorial Service

Clarkfield Care Center
Clarkfield, Minnesota
Friday, June 20th, 2025
1 PM



Officiant

Pastor Mort Meyenburg

Military Honors Accorded by

Hazel Run American Legion Post 559
United States Air Force Honor Guard

Interment

Hillcrest Cemetery
Granite Falls, Minnesota

In lieu of a thank you card, please accept our sincere thanks and gratitude for the cards, condolences, and time spent today sharing your memories of Russell. The kind sentiments and gestures will not be forgotten.

~The Family of Russell Severson

