

**Verlon A. Graphenteen, 80, of Detroit Lakes,
gained his wings on February 9th, 2024
at Oak Crossing Nursing Home.**



Verlon was born the son of Albert and Pearl Graphenteen, November 28, 1943 in Pipestone, Minn.

Verlon married Janice Remerowski on June 22, 1963 in Marshall, Minn. They resided in Eagan, Minn., until moving to Detroit Lakes. He moved to Oak Crossing in 2009.

The most important part of Verlon's life was his family, especially his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Verlon loved hunting, fishing, watching golf and singing Elvis songs.

Surviving Verlon are his daughter, Jill (Jeff) Rusness and son, Jeff (Jennifer)

Graphenteen. Five grandchildren, Meghan (Tim) Pazdernik and Austin (Hailee) Rusness, Gunner, Chase and Olivia Graphenteen. His Great-Grandchildren, Aubrey & Rhett Pazdernik. Brother, Harlan (Cheryl) Graphenteen; Sisters, Joanne (Ed) Dahle, Vicki (Blaine) Miller, Tami (Lee) Delgado.

Preceding Verlon in heaven were his parents; Wife: Janice, Daughter: Christine, Sister-in-law, Diane Graphenteen, Brother-in-law, Ronald Remerowski and Mother-in Law, Martha Remerowski.

The family would like to thank Oak Crossing and Hospice Care for taking such wonderful care of Verlon.



In Loving Memory
Verlon Graphenteen
1943-2024

Cheryl

The Dash

I read of a man who stood to speak
at a funeral of a friend.
He referred to the dates on the tombstone
From the beginning to the end.

He noted that first came the date of birth
and spoke of the following date with tears,
but he said what mattered most of all
was the dash between those years.

For that dash represents all the time
they spent alive on earth
and now only those who loved them
Know what that little line is worth.

For it matters not, how much we own,
the cars, the house, the cash,
What matters is how we live and love
and how we spend our dash.

So think about this long and hard;
are there things you'd like to change?
For you know how much time is left
that can still be rearranged.

If we could just slow down enough,
To consider what's true and real
And always try to understand
The way other people feel.

And be less quick to anger
And show appreciation more
And love the people in our lives
Like we've never loved before.

If we treat each other with respect
And more often wear a smile,
Remembering that this special dash
Might only last a little while.

So when your eulogy is being read
With your life's actions to rehash
Would you be proud of the things they say
About how you spent your dash?

By Linda Ellis



Verlon A. Graphenteen

November 28, 1943 ~ Pipestone, Minnesota
February 9, 2024~Detroit Lakes, Minnesota

Funeral Service

Thursday, February 15, 2024 ~ 11:00 a.m.
West-Kjos Funeral Home
Detroit Lakes, Minnesota

Officiant

Pastor Dan Abrahams

Musical Selections

"I Can Only Imagine"
"Amazing Grace"

Pall Bearers

Harlan Graphenteen
Jeff Rusness
Austin Rusness
Tim Pazdernik

Honorary Pall Bearers

Verlon's Grandchildren,
Great-Grandchildren
and Sisters

Interment

Oak Grove Cemetery
Detroit Lakes, Minnesota

Arrangements by

West-Kjos Funeral Home
Detroit Lakes, Minnesota