



Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me.

I took His hand when I heard Him call

I turned my back and left it all

I could not stay another day

To laugh, to love, to work or play

Tasks left undone must stay that way

I found that peace at the close of the day

If my parting has left a void

Then fill it with remembered

A friendship shared,

a laugh, a kiss Ah, yes, these things I too will miss

Be not burdened with times of sorrow

I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow

My life has been full, I've savored much

Good friends, good times,

a loved one's touch

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief

Don't lengthen it now with undue grief

Lift up your heart and share with me

God wanted me now, He set me **FREE!**

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Thomas Herman Hoeke

WHO WAS BORN

February 25, 1944

Ortonville, Minnesota

AND CALLED TO HIS ETERNAL HOME

February 24, 2024

Sioux Falls, South Dakota

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Friday, March 1, 2024 - 10:30 a.m.

St. Lawrence Catholic Church

Milbank, South Dakota

CELEBRANT

Padre David Garza

MUSICIANS

Sandy Tucholke, Organist

St. Lawrence Funeral Choir

CASKET BEARERS

Jason Aesoph | Mark Aesoph | Alex Aesoph | Jared Aesoph

Chris Forman | Jason Redmond | Jeff Jackson | Scott Jackson

MILITARY HONORS

American Legion Birch-Miller Post #9

V.F.W. Grant County Post #3486

V.V.A. Northeast SD Chapter #1054

D.A.V. Chapter #19

INTERMENT

Milbank City Cemetery

Milbank, South Dakota

APPRECIATION

Tom's family is grateful for your attendance at this service.

Your many expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated. Following the graveside service, please join the family for food and fellowship in the church dining room.

Mundwiler Funeral Home - Milbank, South Dakota

Thomas Herman Hoeke was born on February 25, 1944, in Ortonville, MN. Tom was the son of George and Elnora (Korstjens) Hoeke. Tom grew up on a farm in Grant County, SD. He attended country school through the eighth grade, then attended and graduated from Milbank High School. During his high school days, Tom participated in football, basketball, and track. He continued his education at Northern State College in Aberdeen, SD, and was on the track team. He was in school for one year before beginning his service in the United States Air Force, enlisting on November 6, 1963. He served in Vietnam and in the Philippines. He was honorably discharged on September 1, 1967. Tom returned to Milbank and one week later was united in marriage on September 9, 1967, with Judith Jackson. A few days later (September 11) Tom returned to Northern State College to finish his college education.

Following his college graduation, Tom and Judy moved to Jackson, MI. Tom worked for GAB Insurance Company for three years. He transferred to Rochester, MN and worked for GAB until his retirement. After he retired Tom went to work at Elcor Construction. Tom and Judy lived in Rochester for 44 years before moving to Sioux Falls, SD.

Tom enjoyed hunting, golfing, fishing, cross word puzzles (which he was very good at), playing cards, and was a sports enthusiast. He could name almost any player on any team! His greatest joy was spending time with his family and friends.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife of 56 years, Judy of Sioux Falls, SD; sister, Jean Aesoph of Milbank, SD; brothers-in-law: Butch (Sue) Jackson of Milbank, SD; and Richard Jackson of Utah; sister-in-law, Linda (Mick) Redmond of Milbank, SD; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents: George and Elnora; sister, Margaret; and brother-in-law, Dale Aesoph.

