

Let not your

Heart

be troubled; ye believe in God,
believe also in me. In my Father's house
are many

Mansions;

if it were not so, I would have told you.

I go to prepare a place for you.

And if I go and prepare a place for you,
I will come again, and receive you unto myself;
that where I am, there ye may be also.

Peace

I leave with you,
my peace I give unto you;
not as the world giveth, give I unto you.

*Let not your heart be troubled,
neither let it be afraid.*

- John 14:1-3,27

Celebrating THE *Life* OF

Russell L. Tolifson

FEBRUARY 5, 1930 – JULY 26, 2026

Graveside Service At:

Brandon Cemetery

Brandon, Minnesota

Thursday, July 30, 2026 - 11:00 a.m.

Officiating Clergy:

Pastor Michael Hanson

Pallbearers:

Todd Tolifson, Bryan Tolifson, James Tolifson
Jake Tolifson, Charlie Hanson, Martin Hanson

Honorary Pallbearers:

Arne Hanson, Freddy Hanson

Military Honors:

Brandon American Legion
Minnesota State Honor Guard

Interment:

Brandon Cemetery
Brandon, Minnesota

Russell Lee Tolifson, son of Ernest and Mary (DeFries) Tolifson was born on the 5th day of February, 1930, in Cottonwood County, rural Windom, Minnesota. He was baptized and confirmed at the Lutheran Missouri Synod Church in Windom. He attended country school, then joined the Army in 1948 and was discharged in 1952 with the rank of Sergeant. He farmed for a few years before relocating to South St. Paul and then Cottage Grove. He was a truck driver at Kopp's Transfer in South St. Paul for many years and saw many different places. Then he was a welder until retirement.

On February 20, 1965, Russell married Shirley Van Horn. They were blessed with three sons. In 1977, they moved from Cottage Grove to Big Chippewa Lake north of Brandon where they lived for 17 years. Russ, Shirley and their boys enjoyed many wonderful days of fun at the lake with relatives and friends visiting often. After the boys grew up, Russ and Shirley spent several winters in Texas in their RV.

Russell enjoyed fishing, gardening, music and woodworking. Top of the list was spending time with family and friends. He was always happy-go-lucky and had a great sense of humor.

The Lord called Russell home on Sunday, July 26, 2026, at the age of 96 years, 5 months and 21 days.

He is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Shirley; three sons, Todd (Michelle), Bryan (Lisa) and Jim; grandson, Jake (Kinsley); two great-grandchildren, Lydia Ruth and Liam Russell; four sisters-in-law, Kay Stenstuen, Jan (Bob) Micheletti, Vicki Strom and Lynde Tolifson as well as many nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ernest and Mary Tolifson; sister, Doris; brothers Nathan, Donald and Gerald; in-laws, Jake and Vernis Van Horn; daughter-in-law, Dawn Tolifson; brothers-in-law, Milton Stenstuen and Paul Strom and his niece, Jennifer Grey.



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Russell's online guestbook and tribute video.*

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Funeral & Cremation Service

