

And ye now therefore have sorrow:
But I will see you again,
And your heart shall rejoice,
And your joy no man taketh from you.

John 16:22 KJV

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome Message

Scripture & Prayer

"There Is Coming A Day" — *Faith's Solo*

"Sweet Hour Of Prayer" — *Congregational*

Time of Sharing

"Amazing Grace" — *Donna's Solo*

Message

"Old Rugged Cross" — *Congregational*

Closing Prayer



In Loving Memory of

Gordon Willard Graves

1936 - 2022



Gordon lost his courageous fight with an illness that was more stubborn than he was on June 19th, 2022 at the Sanford Hospital in Chamberlain SD.

Gordon was born in Platte, SD on March 21st, 1936 to Willard and Fern (Johnson) Graves. He grew up on a farm northeast of Pukwana. He married Mary Bartlett on September 11th, 1956 and they had seven children: Debra, Dwayne, Diane, Julie, Bart, Doris and Jim. Gordon was proud to be a Staff Sargeant of the South Dakota Army National Guard in Chamberlain SD from 1954 – 1963 in the 200th Engineering Unit.

The newlyweds lived on Alton Creamers farm where Gordon worked as his hired man for a few years. He bought his own farm east of his parents farm around 1960 and worked for his dad, Willard. Then he farmed for himself and sold Dr. McDonalds Feed for many years. Gordon semi-retired in 1995 and he and Mary moved to the town of Pukwana and was fortunate to buy the house he had always admired. He still drove out to the farm frequently with his beloved dog, Jake, to help his eldest son Dwayne, keep up with the ever demanding responsibilities of the farm.

Gordon 'accidently' picked up the hobby of restoring antique trunks and loved going to auctions all over the state to find his next project. He was very gifted in his talent for bringing the old to absolutely amazing. He worked in his basement workshop until his failing health inhibited him from making it down the stairs, then his attention focused on working on the yard and planting flowers.

Preceding in his death were his parents, his brother Gene Graves, and his sister Ardyce McManus.

Grateful for sharing his life are his wife Mary, daughters Debra Graves, Diane Bass, Julie Graves, and Doris (Tommy) Gray. Sons Dwayne Graves, Jim Graves, and Bart (Leah) Graves. Grandchildren Jeremy Peters, Levi Porter, Kasha Curl, Dustin (Amber) Pearson, Barry (Christy) Owen, Justus (Erin) Bass, Trinity (Danielle) Bass, Duran (Casie) Graves, Jayden Graves, Shay Graves and her fiancé Brenden Entringer, Garret Graves, Alexandra Graves, Alexis Graves, Abigail Graves, sister-in-law Dianne Graves, all his great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

A very special appreciation extended to the Pukwana Coop guys.

In Loving Memory of
Gordon Willard Graves

March 21, 1936 ~ June 19, 2022

Funeral Service

Pukwana Free Lutheran Church, Pukwana, SD

10:00 a.m., Friday, June 24, 2022

Officiating

Gene Van Zee

Music

Janice Mosel—Pianist

Donna Picek—Soloist

Faith Van Zee—Soloist

Casketbearers

Robert Kroupa

Eric Kroupa

Bill Picek

David Viereck

Frank Sharping

Terry Brooks

Honorary Bearers

Dale Parriott

Terry Salway

Emiel Swanson

Wayne Thompson

Morris Meek

Dennis Plooster

All His Many Other Friends & Relatives

Military Graveside Rites By

American Legion Potter Post No. 3

VFW No. 6436

Chamberlain, SD

Interment

Pukwana Cemetery, Pukwana, SD

*Everyone is invited for lunch & fellowship back
at the church hall following the committal services.*