

Don't Cry For Me

*Don't cry for me. I will be okay.
Heaven is my home now,
and this is where I'll stay.*

*Don't cry for me. I'm where I belong.
I want you to be happy
and try to stay strong.*

*Don't cry for me. It was just time,
but I will see you someday on the other side.*

*Don't cry for me. I am not alone.
The angels are with me to welcome me home.*

*Don't cry for me, for I have no fear.
All my pain is gone and Jesus took my tears.*

*Don't cry for me. This is not the end.
I'll be waiting her for you when we meet again.*

Celebrating THE *Life* OF **Gregory A. Emmons**

OCTOBER 2, 1949 – MAY 3, 2026

Services At:

Immanuel Lutheran Church
Starbuck, Minnesota
Saturday, May 9, 2026 - 1:00 p.m.

Celebrant:

Don Swenson, S.A.M.

Organist:

Dee Syverson

Congregational Hymns

"Amazing Grace"
"On Eagle's Wings"
"Shall We Gather At the River"

Urn Bearer:

Shaun Schmidt

Honorary Urn Bearers:

Greg's Grandchildren
Devon Des Marais, Ashley Des Marais, Brittini Larson
Cassandra Freeman, Abby Billings, Morgan Emmons, Dalton Hogan

Interment:

Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery
Starbuck, Minnesota

Gregory “Greg” Alan Emmons was born on October 2, 1949, in Canby, Minnesota the son of Ira and Helen (Paneck) Emmons. He grew up in Ivanhoe, Minnesota and graduated from Starbuck High School in 1967. He joined the United States Marines on July 16, 1968 and was honorably discharged on October 31, 1969 and later discharged from Reserve duty on June 2, 1974.

On March 20, 1971, Greg was united in marriage to Eleanore “Elie” Nali and her daughter, Tina at Immanuel Lutheran Church, rural Starbuck. Together, the couple had two boys, Tim and Ryan. They lived in a number of towns around the United States while Greg worked for the airlines; Ozark, TWA and American. His career in the airline industry spanned 34 years. Eventually, they settled in their lake home on Minnewaska Lake near Starbuck. Greg also attended St. Paul Tech in 1992, always desiring to keep learning.

Greg was active in the V.F.W., American Legion, DAV and Am Vets. He served as the V.F.W. Commander of the Lakeville Post 210 from 1996-1998. He later joined the Starbuck V.F.W where he was active. He and Elie hosted exchange students from El Salvador, Mexico and Sweden.

Greg died Sunday, May 3, 2026, at his home. He was 76 years old.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Elie Emmons of Starbuck; children, Tina (Duane Hove) Des Marais of Alexandria, Timothy (Jodi) Emmons of Lakeville; grandchildren, Devon Des Marais, Ashley Des Marais, Brittni (Chris) Larson, Cassandra (Michael) Freeman, Abby (Chris) Billings, Morgan (Jordan Hockers) Emmons, Dalton (Emily Heimendinger) Hogan; great-grandchildren, Kaleigh Frederiks, Maleenah Papesh, Gauge Papesh, Ezra Freeman, Xander Freeman, Ethan Drometer, Emeryson Des Marais, Braxton Des Marais, Lyla Des Marais and Ava Steltz; siblings, Debra (Robert) Schmidt of Lake City and Barbara (John) Derksen of Pequot Lakes.

He was preceded in death by his son, Ryan Emmons; parents, Ira and Helen Emmons, sister and brother-in-law, Karen and Lloyd Ochocki, nephew, Randy Ochocki and niece, Renee Patton.



Please use this QR Code to access Greg's online guestbook and tribute video.

