

Wayne Sidney Emberland was born on April 7, 1943, in Willmar, Minnesota, the son of Severin and Eleanor Ruth (Skare) Emberland. He grew up in the Willmar community and graduated from Willmar High School in 1961. On January 13, 1965, Wayne entered the U.S. Army and later transferred to the U.S. Air Force and served his country. He was honorably discharged at the rank of Chief Master Sergeant, E-9 in the USAF, a treasured accomplishment. On October 7, 1967, at Swedlanda Lutheran Church near Hector, Minnesota, Wayne was united in marriage to Lynette Marie Larson and they made their home in Willmar. Wayne was employed by Kandiyohi Power Coop and later Excel Energy as a High Voltage Electric Lineman for over 41 years.

Throughout his entire life, Wayne continued serving his community. He assisted our area Veteran's as a part-time van driver for the Kandiyohi County Veteran's Service Office. He was an active member of the Austin F. Hanscom American Legion Post #167 in Willmar, where he served as a Past Legion Commander, on various other Legion Boards "committees" and was the Military Honor Guard Captain for over 45 years (with the grateful assistance of his wife, Lynette). He was a member of the Sons of Norway, Cloverleaf Cemetery Board, Life member of the American Legion, Disabled America Veterans, 40 & 8, and the Air Force Sergeants Association. Wayne was also an active member of Calvary Lutheran Church and served as a church council member and Saturday chapel usher for over 12 years.

Wayne's hobbies were antique tractors and farming. His "Happy Place" was his hobby farm and where he spent his last day. He cherished family trips, raising his two sons, and being with his four grandchildren. Wayne would want everyone to abide by the Golden Rule.....***"Treat people the same way you want to be treated"***.

He is survived by his loving wife, Lynette; his two sons, Mark (and Heather) Emberland of St. Cloud and Jon (and Heidi) Emberland of LaQuinta, CA.; and his four beloved grandchildren, Grace, Aubrey, Elena and Grant. Also surviving are two siblings, Donald (and Mary) Emberland of Maple Grove and Diane (and Mike) Vosika of Willmar; and sisters in law, Leila Larson, Carolyn (and Steve) Karnik, Beverly Emberland, Sandy Emberland, Karen Emberland McManimen (Mike) and Patricia Emberland Ashley; Many nieces and nephews, besides other relatives and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers, Roy, Gayle, James and Richard; two nephews, Douglas Emberland and Steven Emberland; one niece, Paula Emberland in infancy, and in-laws, Carl and Helen Larson.

Celebrating the Life of



Wayne S. Emberland

1943 — 2026

Life Must Go On

*Grieve for me, for I would grieve for you,
Then brush away the sorrow and the tears,
Life is not over, but begins anew.
With courage you must greet the coming years.
To live forever in the past is wrong,
Can only cause you misery and pain,
Dwell not on memories overlong,
With others you must share and care again.
Reach out and comfort those who comfort you,
Recall the years but only for a while,
Nurse not your loneliness but live again,
Forget not--remember with a smile.*

*Peterson Brothers Funeral Home
Celebrating A Life Remembered*

In Loving Memory Of

Wayne S. Emberland

April 7, 1943
Willmar, Minnesota

August 11, 2026
Willmar, Minnesota

Celebration of Life Service

Saturday, August 29, 2026 - 11:00 a.m.
Calvary Lutheran Church
Willmar, Minnesota

Prelude		Molly Aalfs
Thanksgiving for Baptism		ELW, pg. 279
Opening Hymn	"Children of the Heavenly Father"	No. 781
Apostolic Greeting & Prayer		
Remembrances		
Scripture		
Hymn	"Borning Cry"	No. 732
Message		Pastor Amy Juel
Hymn	"Amazing Grace"	No. 779
Apostle's Creed, Prayers		
Solo	"The Lord's Prayer"	Pastor Amy Juel
Blessing		
Closing Hymn	"Air Force Song"	On Screen
Dismissal		

Military Honor Guard

Austin F. Hanscom American Legion Post #167
Willmar, Minnesota

Interment

Cloverleaf Memorial Park Cemetery
Willmar, Minnesota