



**Raymond “Ray” Miklos**, 76, passed away peacefully in his sleep at home in Mobridge, SD on December 23, 2021.

Ray met Sharon Wiest on a blind date in spring of 1963. A month later, they were going steady. They were married on May 15, 1965, at Saint Joseph’s Catholic Church in Mobridge and went on to share over 56 years of marriage. Ray adored Sharon and was a loving and attentive husband. Ray and Sharon made a great team.

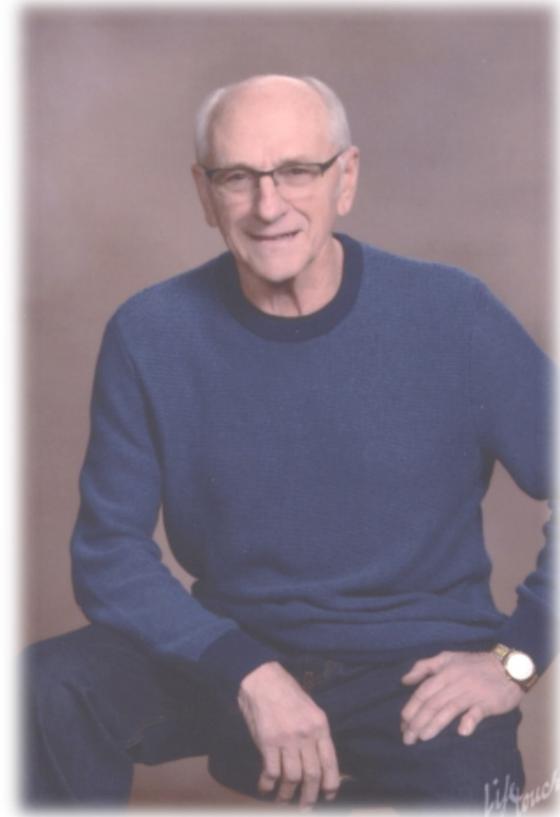
Ray was born on March 13, 1945 in Mobridge to Loy and Lucille (Gerardy) Miklos, Jr. He grew up on the family farm near Selby, SD and graduated from Java High School in 1963. He had a 29-year career as a surveyor and survey chief for the US Bureau of Reclamation that took him, Sharon and their three girls to North Dakota, California and Nebraska. After retiring from the Bureau in 1995, he returned to his roots in Walworth County. Recently he worked at Paylessfoods in Mobridge where he and Sharon took great pride in efficiently stocking shelves in Aisle 5.

Ray was a devout member of Saint Joseph’s and an active servant in the Knights of Columbus. He enjoyed woodworking, carpentry, classic movies, his many collections, photography, grilling and cruising the country roads. He was very good at figuring things out and could fix almost anything. Ray loved visiting and was excellent company. He could find common ground with anyone. He was always there for Sharon, his girls, family and friends. He was the first one to show up whenever a helping hand was needed. He could be kind of goofy, and the girls especially remember all the crazy nicknames he created for family, friends and pets.

Ray is survived by his wife, Sharon of Mobridge; daughters Patricia Miklos (Mark Boyd) of Moran, KS, Michelle Miklos (Ryan Johnson) of Lincoln, NE and Susan (Mark) Goodrich of Austin, TX; three grand daughters, Emily and Clara Boyd of Moran, KS and Leah Goodrich of Austin, TX; brothers and sisters, Ronn Miklos of Sioux Falls, Jim Miklos of Watertown, Marge (Sam) Bollinger of Sioux Falls, Gloria (Wayne) Skorczewski of Minneota, MN, Gary (Nancy) Miklos of Arlington, SD, and Tom (Sylvia) Miklos of Selby; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Ray was preceded in death by his parents, Loy and Lucille Miklos, Jr. and

## In Loving Memory of:



## Raymond “Ray” Miklos

*March 13, 1945 ~ December 23, 2021*

**IN LOVING MEMORY:**  
**Raymond “Ray” Miklos**

*76 Years ~ 9 Months ~ 10 Days*

**BORN:**  
*March 13, 1945*  
*Mobridge, South Dakota*

**PASSED AWAY:**  
*December 23, 2021*  
*Mobridge, South Dakota*

**MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL:**  
*10:30 AM, Wednesday, December 29, 2021*  
*St. Joseph’s Catholic Church*  
*Mobridge, South Dakota*

**CLERGY:**  
*Fr. Michael Griffin*

**ORGANIST:**  
*Marge Mertz*

**CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS:**  
*“Amazing Grace” ~ “On Eagle’s Wings”*  
*“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” ~ “Silent Night”*

**CASKETBEARERS:**  
*Tom Miklos ~ Jim Miklos ~ Ronald Miklos*  
*Gary Miklos ~ Mark Goodrich ~ Ryan Johnson*  
*Mark Boyd ~ Louis Schmidt*

**HONORARY BEARERS:**  
*Knights of Columbus ~ All Co-Workers At Payless*  
*All Ray’s Family & Friends*

**USHERS:**  
*Dan Roesler ~ Ron Roesler*

**BURIAL:**  
*Greenwood Cemetery*

***If Tomorrow Starts Without Me***

*If tomorrow starts without me, and I'm not there to see.  
If the sun should rise and find your eyes  
all filled with tears for me  
I wish so much you wouldn't cry the way you did today.  
While thinking of the many things we didn't get to say.  
I know how much you love me, As much as I love you,  
and each time that you think of me, I know you'll miss me too;  
But when tomorrow starts without me,  
Please try to understand, that an angel came  
and called my name, And took me by the hand  
And said my place was ready, in heaven far above,  
And that I'd have to leave behind all those I dearly love.  
But as I turned to walk away, A tear fell from my eye,  
For all my life, I'd always thought, I didn't want to die.  
I had so much to live for, So much left yet to do,  
it seemed almost impossible, that I was leaving you.  
I thought of all the yesterdays, the good ones and the bad,  
I thought of all that we had shared, and all the fun we had.  
If I could relive yesterday, just even for a while,  
I'd say good-bye and kiss you and maybe see you smile.  
But then I fully realized, that this could never be, for emptiness  
and memories, would take the place of me.  
And when I thought of worldly things, I might miss  
come tomorrow, I thought of you, and when I did,  
my heart was filled with sorrow.  
But when I walked through heaven's gates, I felt so much at  
home. When God looked down and smiled at me,  
From His great golden throne,  
He said, This is eternity, and all I've promised you."  
Today your life on earth is past, but here life starts anew.  
I promise no tomorrow, but today will always last, and since  
each day is the same way, there's no longing for the past.  
You have been so faithful, so trusting and so true.  
Though there were times you did some things,  
you knew you shouldn't do.  
But you have been forgiven, and now at last you're free.  
So won't you come and take my hand,  
and share my life with me  
So when tomorrow starts without me,  
don't think we're far apart, for every time you think of me,*