

## Howard James Felkey

Howard James Felkey was born on March 26, 1943, in Santa Cruz, CA, the son of Harlan and Selma (Julin) Felkey. He graduated from Graettinger High School in 1961, and entered directly into the United States Navy until 1965. In December 1962, he married Betty Ann Burr in Jackson, MN. In 1965, Howard left the Navy and continued to work on submarines for the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry-dock.

In 1968, Howard began a lifelong career with the Xerox Corporation and retired from Xerox in 2003. In his spare time he enjoyed traveling on extended vacations with his family, hunting, fishing, and watching the Minnesota Twins play baseball.

Howard, 70, Black Hawk, died on Saturday, June 8, 2013, at the Ft. Meade VA Medical Center.

Howard is survived by his wife of 50 years, Betty; his children and their families: Michael Felkey of Patchogue, NY; Laura Felkey (Alex) of Rapid City, SD; Daniel and Michelle Felkey (Ethan, Claire, Eve, and Chloe) of Black Hawk, SD; three sisters: Linda Reiter and Dennis of Toledo, OH, Diane Heinrichs and Pete of Estherville, IA, and Lila Clipperton and Richard of Nashua, IA; and sisters-in-law, Carol Felkey of Graettinger, IA, and Sharon Johnson of Dallas, TX.

Howard was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, and a sister.

A memorial has been established to Ft. Meade Hospice.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.kinkadefunerals.com](http://www.kinkadefunerals.com).



*The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch  
in the church hall immediately following the funeral service.  
We thank you for your presence and condolences.*



*In Loving Memory Of  
Howard James Felkey*

*1943 ~ 2013*



### *I'm Free*

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God has laid you see.  
I took His hand when I heard His call  
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day  
To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way  
I found the peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void  
Then fill it with remembered joys - -  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss  
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow.  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much,  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief - -  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your hearts, and peace to thee - -  
God wanted me now: He set me free.*

### *In Loving Memory Of*

## *Howard James Felkey*

### *Born*

March 26, 1943  
Santa Cruz, California

### *Died*

June 8, 2013  
Fort Meade, South Dakota

### *Funeral Service*

Wednesday, June 12, 2013, at 2:00 p.m.  
Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church  
Black Hawk, South Dakota

### *Officiating*

Pastor Randy Sturzenbecher

### *Pianist*

Kathy Roling

### *Soloist*

Michelle Felkey

### *Musical Selections*

"Amazing Grace"  
"The Lord's Prayer"

### *Pallbearers*

Tom Calhoun ~ David Felkey ~ Greg England  
Paul Heinrichs ~ Ron Fisher ~ Sean Clipperton

### *Honorary Pallbearers*

George and Sharon Chiolis ~ Melinda Fikamp  
Karen and Nick Pitharoulis ~ Dee Fisher

### *Military Honors*

Sturgis Veteran's Honor Guard

### *Interment*

Black Hills National Cemetery  
Sturgis, South Dakota