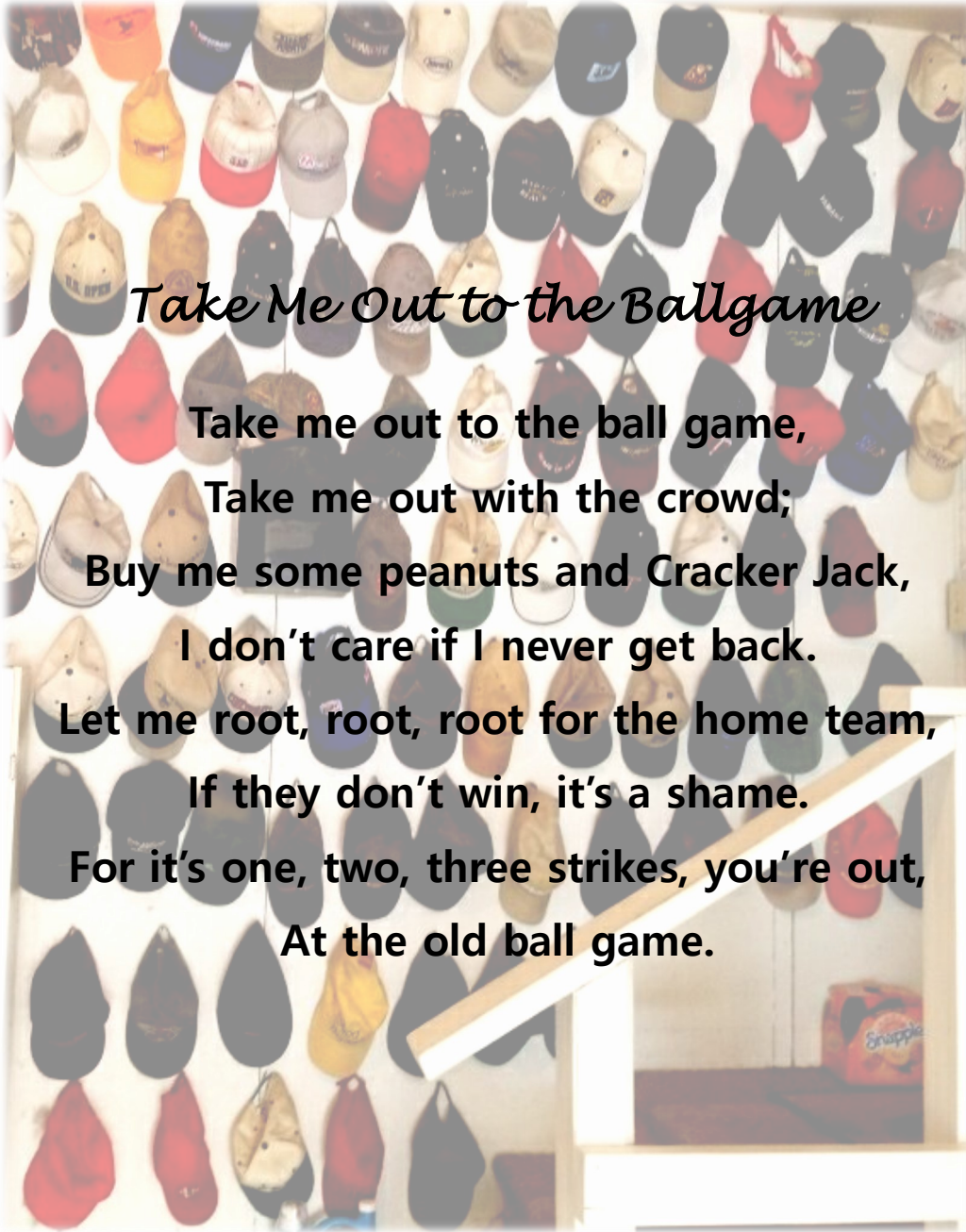




Take Me Out to the Ballgame

Take me out to the ball game,
Take me out with the crowd;
Buy me some peanuts and Cracker Jack,
I don't care if I never get back.
Let me root, root, root for the home team,
If they don't win, it's a shame.
For it's one, two, three strikes, you're out,
At the old ball game.



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James E. (Leif) Erickson was born August 23, 1937, in Galesburg, IL, to Ernest and Elizabeth (Olsen) Erickson.

He graduated from Galesburg High School in 1955 and enlisted in the United States Navy. After returning, he worked in Rockford, IL, and Omaha, NE. He also attended Carl Sandburg College in Galesburg, IL.

He married Barbara Bjerke December 27, 1970, at Crocker Lutheran Church in Crocker. They lived in Galesburg, later moving to Denver, CO, and then to Watertown, SD, in 1991. Leif worked in sales and marketing in all of these locations.

He loved all sports, especially the St. Louis Cardinals. He played professional softball, golfed, and bowled. He also coached Little League baseball.

Leif truly enjoyed his retirement jobs at Hy-Vee and delivering for Waldner's Meats and Preserves. Talking to people was the highlight of his days!

He is preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Leonard and Jack; sister, Lois; and his in-laws, Richard and Esther Bjerke.

Leif is survived by his wife, Barbara; daughter, Tracy (Matt) Moses of Ft. Lauderdale, FL; granddaughter, Hannah of Denver, CO; and brother, Richard Erickson of Martinsville IL.

The family of Leif Erickson thanks you for your presence here today, for your thoughts, prayers, and other acts of kindness shown to them.



Celebrating the Life of James "Leif" Erickson



Graveside Services from

Calvary Lutheran Cemetery
Bradley, South Dakota
Saturday, October 10, 2020
2:00 PM

Officiant

Minister Marion Grimes

Special Music

Freddie Obermeier, Singer
Amanda Bjerke, Singer

Urn Bearers

Ryan Bjerke, Chad Bjerke, Jenna Bjerke

Interment

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