

MISSING YOU

They say there is a reason
They say that time will heal
But neither time nor reason
Will change the way we feel.

For no one knows the heartache
that lies behind our smiles,
No one knows how many times
we have broken down and cried.

We want to tell you something
so there won't be any doubt,
You're so wonderful to think of
but so hard to be without.

We cannot bring the old days back,
when we were all together
The family chain is broken now,
but memories live forever.

YOU'RE GONE

Dad, our sadness knows no end;
We can't believe you're gone;
We're grieving for you every day;
It's hard to carry on.

Our memories of the times we had
Help the pain to go away.
But Dad, our lives won't be the same;
We'll miss you every day.

A part of us went with you;
You left a gap too big to fill;
You're our father and our hero;
We love you and we always will.

Immediately following Russell's committal service at Restlawn Memory Gardens Cemetery, the family extends you the warmest invitation to join them for refreshments and fellowship in the church fellowship hall.



In Loving Memory



Russell D. Root

June 21, 1965 ~ November 24, 2023

Russell DeWayne Root was born on June 21, 1965, to parents Harold and Jessie (Burnett) Root in Huron. Russell attended Huron schools, graduating in 1983. Russell worked at several places including the Plains, Randall's, Telelect, Huron Dressed Beef, Lodmel Construction. He was also self-employed for many years with his own cement work business, R & R Creations. His concrete craftsmanship remains a part of his legacy throughout the community.

He enjoyed fishing, hunting, playing dominoes with his family, and spending time with his children and grandchildren. He also enjoyed being with his loving animals, Sassy, Big Boy, Angel, and Heidi.

He is survived by his children, Jessica Howard of Redfield, Joshua (Lexy) Root of Huron, and Casey (Ashley) Root of Huron; 13 grandchildren, Skiley Root, Derrick Howard, Drake Howard, Sierra Howard, Emma Walls, Kinley Root, Noah Root, Adrianna Root, Symfani Root, Celeste Root, Serenity Root, Paradise Root, Benntlei Root, and another baby Root on the way; his mother, Jessie Root of Huron; his siblings, Rita (Tom) Nagan of WI, Douglas (Shelly) Root of Watertown, and Donald (Betty) Root of IA.

He was preceded by his father, Harold in 2009; his brother Fredrick "Rick" Root in 1988, and his sister Myra VanderHeiden in 2018.

Russell passed away at his home at the age of 58 years, 5 months and 3 days.

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FUNERAL SERVICE

10:30 A.M. ~ Monday, December 4, 2023
Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church
Huron, South Dakota

OFFICIANT

Pastor Kevin Koester

MUSIC

Melanie Kludt, Organist
Congregational Hymn
"The Old Rugged Cross"
CD Selections

"I Can Only Imagine" ~ "Go Rest High On That Mountain"
"Dancing In The Sky" ~ Skiley Root, Soloist

CASKETBEARERS

Darin Howard ~ Ron Wallenstein ~ Jason Buckmaster
Bernell Buckmaster ~ Todd Paye ~ Steve Paye

HONORARY CASKETBEARERS

Russell's Grandchildren

INTERMENT

Restlawn Memory Gardens Cemetery
Huron, South Dakota