

Celebrating

THE LIFE OF



DAVID HUDSON

April 15th, 1954 - August 2nd, 2025

TAKING HIM ON HIS FINAL RIDE WILL
BE HIS TWO SONS, DAVID AND SCOTT.



In loving memory
DAVID AARON HUDSON

FUNERAL SERVICE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9TH
GRACE UNITED METHODIST

OFFICIATING

JOHN BRITT

MUSICAL SELECTIONS

“LORD I DON’T NEED A MANSION”
“THE OLD RUGGED CROSS”
“NORMAL AIN’T COMING BACK, JESUS IS”

URN BEARERS

TOM GUNDERSON	DEAN ROEMEN
DON EICH	DAVE BERGERON
PAT MILLER	JERRY FULMER

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John 16:22

SPECIAL FRIEND

DONALD AIGNER

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