



Roland “Ron” Berger went home to be with the Lord December 26, 2022, surrounded by family at the Lippold Hospice Unit, Sturgis, South Dakota.

Ron was born July 15, 1942, to Fred and Elizabeth Berger in Sturgis, SD. He grew up in Whitewood Valley going to school at Big Bottom, Bench, and Sturgis High School. As a teenager he was involved in 4-H with his projects of caring for lambs and sheep, helping neighbors, milking cows, and helping his dad on the ranch. He also spent time working at the sugar beet factory in Belle Fourche until 1964.

On March 27, 1964, Ron married Mary Ann Loup, and to this union three children were born; two sons, Paul and Keith, and one daughter, Rhonda. In May of 1965 they packed up and took the family to Alaska, where he worked on a dairy farm at Palmer, AK. They moved to Anchorage in September where Ron worked at Overhead Door Co. May of 1966 saw the family returning to South Dakota and Ron working at Overhead Door in Rapid City, where he stayed until moving back to the farm in 1987. He remained working there, doing what he loved and enjoyed where he had grown up. He never fully retired until his son, Keith, came back and even then, they worked together until the time of his death.

Ron was an active member of First Presbyterian Church in Whitewood, where he served as an Elder. He also served on the board of the Whitewood Cemetery. He enjoyed his neighbors and friends, and coffee time with Larry and Ann Kymala. His favorite time of year was haying season when he could start cutting into a hayfield; raking, baling, and spending time working with his son, Keith. Ron enjoyed a good day fishing, whether it was at Pierre, Fort Peck, or the Columbia River. He and Mary also enjoyed day trips to see the four-state area and be home by night.

Ron is survived by his wife of 58 years, Mary; sons, Paul (Kate) of Pierre, Keith of Whitewood; daughter, Rhonda (Dave) Cutts of Sturgis; 10 grandchildren; and 10 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Fred and Elizabeth; brother, Donald; half-sister, Irene Ostwald; half-brother, Bucky Courtney; and grandson, Evan Berger.

In Lieu of flowers memorials have been established to the First Presbyterian Church of Whitewood, the Whitewood Cemetery, and the Lippold Hospice Care Unit.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.kinkadefunerals.com.



The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch at the church, following the burial. Thank you for your presence and condolences.



In Loving Memory Of
Roland “Ron” Berger
July 15, 1942 ~ December 26, 2022



I will be your God
Throughout your lifetime...
until your hair is white
with age.
I made you, and I will care
for you. I will carry you
along and save you.



**He never looked for praises
He was never one to boast
He just went on quietly working
For the ones he loved the most.**

**His dreams were seldom spoken
His wants were very few
And most of the times his worries
Went unspoken too.**

**He was there...A firm foundation
Through all our storms of life
A sturdy hand to hold on to
In times of stress and strife.**

**A true friend we could turn to
When times were good or bad
One of our greatest blessings
The man we called our Dad.**



In Loving Memory Of Roland "Ron" Berger

Born

July 15, 1942
Sturgis, South Dakota

Died

December 26, 2022
Whitewood, South Dakota

Funeral Service

Saturday, December 31, 2022, 10:00 a.m.
First Presbyterian Church
Whitewood, South Dakota

Officiant

Reverend Jil Jennewein

Musicians

Pianist: Diane Verba Soloist: Jil Jennewein

Musical Selections

"Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" "Just a Closer Walk with Thee"
"Whispering Hope" "Amazing Grace"

Pallbearers

Keith Berger Paul Berger Dave Cutts
Kyle Cutts Tyler Cutts Dylan Cutts

Honorary Pallbearers

Great-grandchildren: Lil Teigun Karson Jamison
Lincoln Dane Ryder Paisley Kolten Levi
and Larry Kymala

Final Resting Place

Whitewood Cemetery
Whitewood, South Dakota