



### **HIGH FLIGHT**

by John Gillespie Magee  
(1922-1941)

Oh, I have slipped the surly bonds of earth,  
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;  
Sunward I've climbed and joined the tumbling mirth  
of sun-split clouds - and done a hundred things  
You have not dreamed of - wheeled and soared and swung  
high in the sunlit silence. Hovering there  
I've chased the shouting wind along and flung  
my eager craft through footless halls of air...

Up, up the long delirious burning blue  
I've topped the wind-swept heights with easy grace,  
where never lark, or even eagle, flew;  
and, while with silent, lifting mind I've trod  
the high untrespassed sanctity of space,  
put out my hand and touched the face of God.

## *In Loving Memory Of*



***Ralph Eugene Lawrence Besler***

*October 20, 1934 ~ February 9, 2022*

*In Loving Memory Of*  
**Ralph Eugene Lawrence Besler**

**Born**

October 20, 1934

Lemmon, South Dakota

**Died**

February 9, 2022

Whitewood, South Dakota

*Funeral Services*

Friday, February 18, 2022, 11:00 a.m.

Immanuel Lutheran Church

Whitewood, South Dakota

*Officiant*

Pastor David Baer

*Organist*

Joanne Baer

*Soloist*

Bridget Vanderpool

*Special Music*

“Just As I Am” “I Believe” “Jesus Is Alive! Alleluia”  
“Softly And Tenderly” “Precious Lord”  
“Nearer My God , to Thee”  
“How Great Thou Art”

*Pallbearers*

Scott Besler ~ Monte Besler ~ Brad Besler

Jack Johnson ~ Casey Besler ~ Chris Besler

*Honorary Pallbearers*

Rodger Wells ~ Lonnie Wells ~ Eldon Besler

Brent Besler ~ Jason Besler

All Military Veterans

*Military Honors*

Spearfish Veterans Honor Guard

Ellsworth AFB Honor Guard

*Final Resting Place*

Black Hills National Cemetery

Sturgis, South Dakota

