

When I'm Gone

**When I come to the end of my journey
and I travel my last weary mile,
just forget, if you can, that I ever frowned
and remember only the smile.
Forget unkind words I have spoken;
remember some good I have done.
Forget that I've stumbled and blundered
and sometimes fell by the way.
Remember I have fought some hard battles
and won, ere the close of the day.
Then forget to grieve for my going;
I would not have you sad for a day,
but in summer just gather some flowers
and remember the place where I lay,
and come in the shade of the evening
when the sun paints the sky in the west.
Stand for a few moments beside me
and remember only my best.**



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*A
Life
Remembered*

John Fredrick Berger, age 89, Clark, formerly of Lake City, the husband of Arlene (Hegseth) Berger, died peacefully on Friday, May 15, 2020, in the De Smet Memorial Hospital with family by his side.

He was born to Oscar and Hattie Berger on February 25, 1931. He grew up and helped on the family farm near Lake City, SD. He raised animals and farmed the land. He played baseball and softball. He loved to hunt and fish. He married Arlene Hegseth at Viking Lutheran Church of rural Wyndmere, ND on June 8, 1958. They had three daughters, Mary, Ruth, and Janel. He sheared sheep for many of the surrounding area farmers. They attended the First Lutheran Church in Lake City and in Britton, SD.

They moved to Clark, SD, in 1989. He enjoyed being a farm hand for farmers around Henry, SD. He was an avid bowler in Britton and in Clark, SD. He was thrilled to be on the winning team at the age of 85. He took pride in and loved to work in his garden. He shared his garden produce with those around Clark. He was a member of the Clark County Historical Society and St. Paul Lutheran Church.

Thankful to have shared his life are his wife, 3 daughters, Mary (Duane) Aldrich of DeSmet, SD, Ruth (Darrel) Haugerud of Watertown, SD, and Janel (Mike) Downs of Wilton, CT. Six grandchildren: Stacey (Richard) Johnsen, Amanda Singrey, Christopher Rider and Kaylene Rider, Nathan Downs, and Isaac Downs. Four great-grandchildren: April Singrey, Clayton Johnsen, Cole Johnsen, and Giselle Tandoh. Many nieces, nephews, 4 sisters-in-law and 1 brother-in-law.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his father-in-law and mother-in-law, 2 brothers, 2 sisters, 3 brothers-in-law, 2 nephews, 1 son-in-law and 1 sister-in-law.



Celebrating the Life of John F Berger



Services from

Furness Funeral Home
Clark, South Dakota
Friday, May 29, 2020
2:00 PM

Officiant

Reverend Mindy Ehrke

Music

Special Recorded Music
"What A Friend We Have In Jesus"
"On Eagles Wings"
"The Old Rugged Cross"

Casketbearers

Members of John's Family

Interment

Rose Hill Cemetery
Clark, South Dakota



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