

This morning, I am reminded of the brevity of life. Memories of the time Norm and I walked down to the pond one wintry day, came. It was connected at the north end to a stock dam. In my curiosity as an approximate 5 year-old. Yes, I walked onto the ice -which immediately gave way. Norm reached down in an instant, swooped me from the icy cold water, and carried me back to the house.

We had the privilege of celebrating Norm's decade birthday while in Rochester for several months, after Stu's heart surgery. Norm was there the next morning, then helped me check in the Transplant House. He said, "I want to make sure you know where you're going to stay". He took us for drives in the country-side, in his van. At times he seemed like a big teddy bear.

Norm moved into Ecumen Assisted Living, adjusting to the seasons of life. Jan, his friend who he met at a grief support group, was an instrumental part of this process. She was his advocate, listened to and fulfilled his snack requests, and was faithfully present to the end.

Norman would answer with a robust "Good" when asked per phone call how he was. On a recent such call, he played the song he had been listening to on the radio, a golden oldie "Where Could I Go, but to the Lord". Some of the lines are "O where could I go but to the Lord, seeking a refuge for my soul, needing a friend to help me in the end, where could I go but to the Lord?"

He will be greatly missed also by his brother Harlow, sister Carol, and other family and friends whose lives he touched.

Lovingly, Donna

In Loving Memory Of



Norman Hofer

December 8, 1942

June 17, 2023

Norman Gene Hofer was born on December 8, 1942, in Huron, South Dakota, to parents, Josh and Katie Glanzer Hofer. He grew up on the family farm near Hitchcock, South Dakota.

He married Viola Schrioch in 1972, and they made their home in the North Branch, Minnesota area. Norm worked on Power Plants and in construction. He was a long time member of the Carpenters Union. Norm also enjoyed buying and selling antiques.

He is survived by his brother, Harlow (Michal) and two sisters, Carol (Bob) Murphy and Donna Swanson, all of Sioux Falls; and five nephews, Jason and Justin Hofer, both of Rapid City, Ryan Hofer and Michael Swanson, both of Sioux Falls and Josh Swanson of Los Angeles, California.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Myron Hofer and a sister, Marlene Hofer.

Our family would like to say "Thank You" to Norm's good friend, Jan Dusbabek, who was always there when we needed her. She was an advocate and a true friend.

Memorial Service

Thursday, August 15, 2024

11:00 AM

Kuhler Funeral Home
Huron, South Dakota

Officiant

Rev. Gordon Wiebe

Music

The Eighteenth Variation

by Joshua Swanson

When I Survey The Wonderful Cross

by Michael Swanson, guitarist

- Congregational Hymns -

How Great Thou Art

The Old Rugged Cross

Interment

Thursday, August 15, 2024

1:30 PM

Ebenezer Cemetery
Doland, South Dakota