

GOD looked around the garden,
And found an empty space.

He looked down upon the earth,
And saw your tired face. He put

His arms around you

And lifted you to rest.

God's garden must be beautiful

For He only takes the **BEST.**

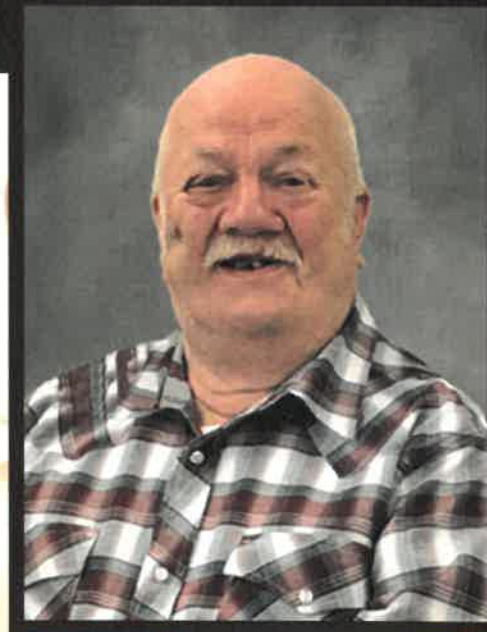
He knew that you were weary,
and He knew that you were in pain.

He knew that you would never
be well on earth again.

He saw the roads were getting rough,
and the hills were hard to climb.

So He closed your weary eyelids,
and whispered

Peace be Shine.



In Loving Memory Of

Emery Gene Vigness

March 18, 1936 - June 11, 2021

I ONCE WAS LOST,
BUT NOW *I'm found*



Emery Gene Vigness, 85 of Alexander, ND, passed away on Friday June 11th, 2021 at his home in Alexander.

Emery was born March 18, 1936 to Louie and Gina (Villand) Vigness in Hubbard Township, Polk County, Minnesota. He grew up in a traditional Norwegian family and learned to speak English in elementary school.

Emery married Joan Due on August 22, 1959 in Willow City, ND. Emery and Joan were blessed with 17 children.

At age 16, He began his butchering career at Davidson's Processing in Bottineau, ND. From there, he opened his own butcher shop in Towner, ND until a flood forced its closure. In 1976, Emery moved his family to Arnegard, ND and continued his butchering career at the Piggly Wiggly in Watford City. In 1980 the family moved to Alexander and Emery opened another Butcher Shop, Prairie Meats, where he provided custom cutting and butchering until he retired in 2000.

Emery was a devout Christian, deeply rooted in his faith, he cherished his family and all that the Lord blessed him with. He was very proud of his heritage and Norwegian upbringing, instilling those traditions in his own family. He had a gift of yodeling that was unforgettable to anyone fortunate enough to have heard it.

Emery is survived by his wife of 61 years, Joan. His children: Bernadette (Mike) Barbula, Jody (Kate) Vigness, Jeff Vigness, James Vigness, Jerald Vigness, Lynette (Reyburn) Johnston, John Vigness, Vicki LaPierre, Jarrod (Heidi) Vigness, Mariann Clark, Jason (Sylvia) Vigness, Wayne (Tiffaney) Vigness, Michelle (Justin) Tyler, Veronica (Guy) Melby, Curtis Vigness, Chris (Kelly) Vigness, and Danielle (Dan) Lessen, 34 grandchildren, and 26 great grandchildren, and his sister Agnes Sund.

Emery was preceded in death by his parents, 2 brothers, 4 sisters, a son-in-law and a daughter-in-law.

In Loving Memory ***Emery Gene Vigness***

Born to Louie & Gina Vigness

March 18, 1936 ~ Hubbard Township, Minnesota

Returned to His Heavenly Father

June 11, 2021 ~ Alexander, North Dakota

Funeral Mass

Thursday, June 17, 2021 at 10:00 AM

St. Joseph's Catholic Church

Williston, North Dakota

Officiating

Father Brian Gross

Reader

Jody Vigness

Music Selections

"Amazing Grace" & "How Great Thou Art"

Sylvia Vigness ~ Vocalist Terri Sorenson ~ Accompanist

Special Music

Perry Brightbach ~ Bagpiper

Pallbearers

Justin Forbes Joseph Vigness

Avery Gurney Cody Clark

Dustin Clark Benjamin Vigness

Honorary Pallbearers

Grandchildren & Great-Grandchildren

Final Resting Place

Alexander Cemetery ~ Alexander, North Dakota

Arrangements By

Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home ~ Williston, North Dakota

**You Are Invited To Join Us For Fellowship & Lunch
Following The Service At The Church.**