

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.

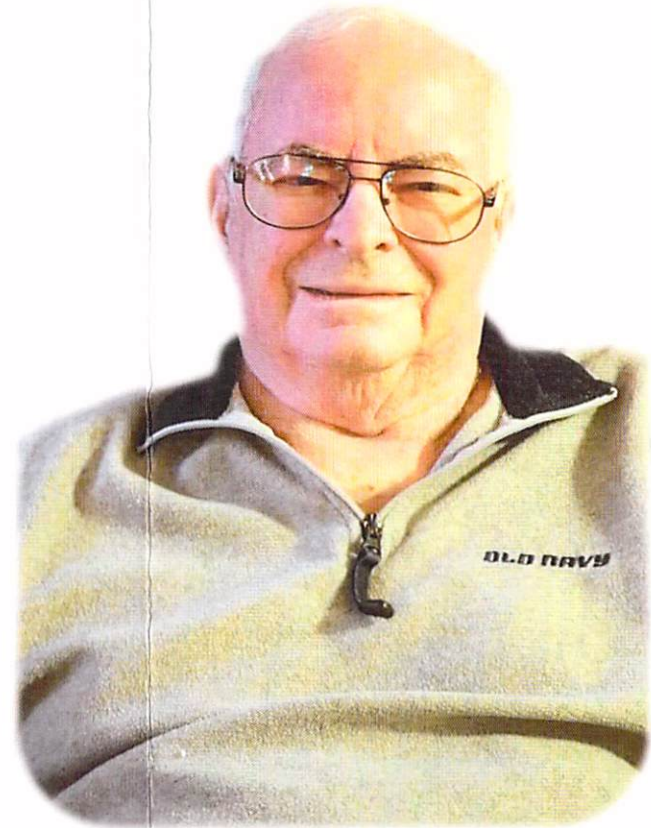
He saw the roads were getting rough,  
and the hills were hard to climb.

So He closed your weary eyelids,  
and whispered

*Peace be Thine.*



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In  
Loving Memory

**BYRON L. ERICKSON**

JUNE 19, 1940

JULY 22, 2022

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## BYRON L. ERICKSON

Byron Lee Erickson, son of Herbert Frank Oscar and Violet Eda (Manifold) Erickson, was born on June 19, 1940, south of Essex, Iowa. He entered into eternal rest on Friday evening, July 22, 2022, at Good Samaritan Society – Villisca, Iowa, at the age of 82 years, 1 month, 2 days.

His early life was defined growing up on the family farm southeast of Essex. He attended High Prairie country school through the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Byron attended Essex High School, graduating with the Class of 1959. Byron proudly served his country for two and a half years after being drafted into the United States Army.

On September 18, 1971, Byron was united in marriage to Karen Marie Hendrickson at the Methodist Church in Coin, Iowa. Following their marriage, they made their home in Shenandoah, Iowa. They were blessed with three girls, Stacy, Kim and Brooke.

Over the years, Byron worked on the family farm growing up and then after returning from the Army worked at the Gate Factory in Shenandoah for eight years. Most notably, he worked at Eaton Corporation for 28 years before retiring in the year 2000. Byron was a longtime member of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Shenandoah.

A man of few words, Byron drew his greatest enjoyment from spending time with his family. He was very proud of all his girls and grandchildren. He also enjoyed collecting John Deere toy tractors and videotaping family events.

Upon receiving his angel wings, Byron joined his beloved daughter, Kim Erickson; parents, Herbert and Violet Erickson; brother, Donald Erickson; sister, Ruby Erickson; niece, Dorothy Spies; and brother and sister-in-law, Ronald and Lola Hendrickson in Heaven. Left to cherish his memory are his beloved wife of over 50 years, Karen Erickson, of Shenandoah, IA; two daughters, Stacy Erickson of Omaha, NE, and Brooke (Harry) Erickson of Shenandoah, IA; five grandchildren, Devin, Shiloh, Oakley, Hannah and Abby; great granddaughter, Harlow; other relatives; and a host of friends.

“Let us be in comfort knowing Kim and Papa Bear are reunited and watching over us.”

### VISITATION

10:00 am to 11:00 am - Tuesday, July 26, 2022  
Emmanuel Lutheran Church - Shenandoah, Iowa

### CELEBRATION OF LIFE FUNERAL

11:00 am - Tuesday, July 26, 2022  
Emmanuel Lutheran Church - Shenandoah, Iowa  
Pastor Kurt Hoover - Officiant

### SPECIAL MUSIC

“The Old Rugged Cross” “What A Friend We Have In Jesus”  
“There Will Be A Day”  
Organist ~ Steve Richardson

### CASKET BEARERS

Brian Erickson Brent Erickson Brice Erickson  
Dave Erickson Tim Erickson Terry Erickson

### HONORARY CASKET BEARERS

Devin Herr Hannah Leftwich Abby Leftwich  
Shiloh Erickson Oakley Erickson

### REGISTRY ATTENDANT

Carolyn Ruhde

### USHERS

Ron Oestmann and Robert Iske

### PLACE OF REST

Rose Hill Cemetery - Shenandoah, Iowa

### MILITARY RITES

Shenandoah American Legion Post #88 Honor Guard

### MEMORIAL

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

### FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP

Immediately following the committal service, everyone is invited to join the family for lunch and fellowship back at Emmanuel Lutheran Church.