

When Tomorrow Starts Without Me

When tomorrow starts without me, And I'm not here to see
If the sun should rise and find your eyes, Are filled with tears for me

I wish so much you wouldn't cry, The way you did today
While thinking of the many things, We didn't get to say

I know how much you love me, As much as I love you
And each time you think of me, I know you'll miss me too

But when tomorrow starts without me, Please try to understand
That an angel came and called my name, And took me by the hand

And said my place was ready, In Heaven far above
And that I'd have to leave behind, All those I dearly love

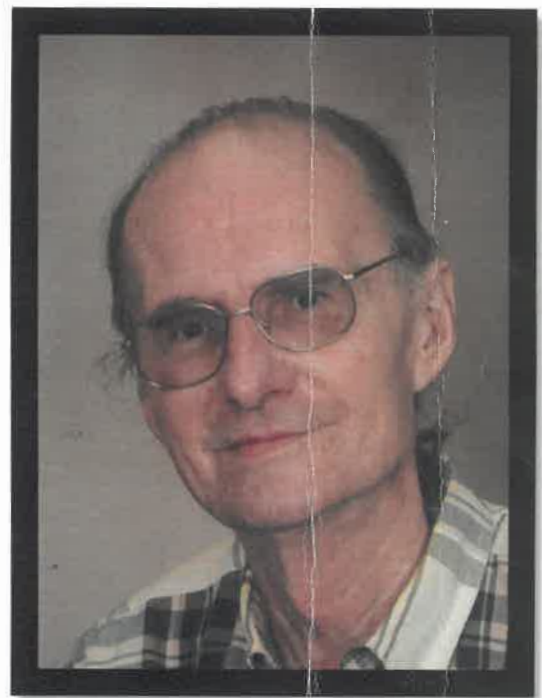
But when I walked through Heaven's gate, I felt so much at home
When God looked down and smiled at me, From His great golden throne

He said this is eternity, And all I promised you
Today your life on earth is past, But here it starts anew

I promise no tomorrow, For today will always last
And since each day's the same way, There's no longing for the past

So when tomorrow starts without me, Don't think we're far apart
For every time you think of me, I'm right here in your heart

Celebrating the Life of **Robert B. Holdridge, Jr.**



Sunrise

March 19, 1949
Shenandoah, Iowa

Sunset

April 29, 2023
Council Bluffs, Iowa



Celebration of Life Service from
Emmanuel Lutheran Church
Shenandoah, Iowa
Saturday, June 3, 2023
10:30 a.m.

Words of Comfort
Pastor Kurt Hoover

Organist
Steve Richardson

Songs of Comfort
"Amazing Grace"
"You Can Let Go Now"
"Grandpa"

Honorary Bearers
His 9 Grandchildren

Place of Rest
Rose Hill Cemetery



Robert Bruce Holdridge, Jr. was born on March 19, 1949 at the Hand Hospital in Shenandoah, Iowa to Robert B. and Mary Lou (Gutsch) Holdridge. Robert entered into eternal peace on April 29, 2023 at Mercy Hospital in Council Bluffs, Iowa at the blessed age of 74 years.

Robert was raised in the Shenandoah community where as a young boy he joined the Cub Scouts. Many days and nights were spent at the State Theater and the Iowa Drive -In which his parents owned and operated. Robert graduated from Shenandoah High School with the Class of 1967.

He was united in marriage to Shirley Mae Shadduck. The couple was blessed with the adoption of their daughter Mary Ann. Following the couples divorce Robert moved to Texas. He was employed by Flower City in Dallas, Texas and later worked as a department store manager. Upon returning to Shenandoah he worked at Tarkio Academy and Orscheln Farm and Home in Nebraska City. He was a member of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Shenandoah. Some of his interests included playing golf, spending time with his family, hiking, playing cards, sail boating and antiquing.

He was preceded in death by his parents and former wife Shirley Mae. Those left to cherish his memory include his daughter Mary Ann Thornton and husband Josh of Braddyville, IA; grandchildren Ashley Ward husband Seth of Essex, Courtney Ryan and Dakota Mattox both of Braddyville, IA; great-grandchildren Jadealynn, Emberlee, Kyson, Maelie, Zinnia, Azalea, Scarlett, Daniel and Nora; other family and dear friends.