Otto Clarence Tofte, 80, of Sykeston, was called home on November 2nd, 2019, at St. Alexius Hospital in Carrington, ND.

Otto was born on August 9th, 1939, in Grand Forks, ND, to Clara (Moldeseter) and Ingvald Tofte. Otto grew up in Grand Forks, ND, attending Central High School and then the ND State School of Science to become an electrician.

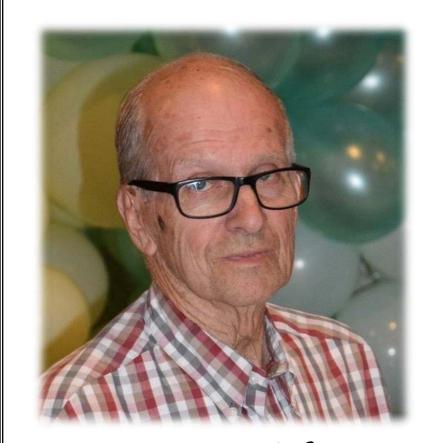
He worked as a mechanic performing auto repair as well as bodywork and made eyeglasses for a time. In 1961, Otto joined the Army Reserve where he trained to become a medic achieving the rank of Sergeant. Most of his career was spent repairing surveying instruments and various office equipment. He married Patricia Neumiller on January 11th, 1969, in Sykeston, ND. They started their life together in Fargo, ND, where they had seven kids. In 2002, Otto and Patricia moved back to Patricia's hometown in Sykeston, ND. He continued working at Bremer Bank in Carrington, a job he truly enjoyed.

Otto loved building things. He built his lake cabin (along with his father) and he and his wife's home south of Fargo. He also loved fixing things, often bringing home soon-to-be treasures he picked up from basically anywhere. He spent a great deal of time enjoying a variety of interests with his wife, children and grandchildren including camping, road trips and lake cabin visits. His favorite hobby by far was trains. His love of trains started when he was a kid and grew to a point where he built his own small scale train driving it every summer in Itasca, MN, for almost 20 years. You would invariably find him with a camera in his hand and a photo album in the other, so he could capture new special moments with family and friends while being able to show you all the others he enjoyed.

Otto is survived by his wife, Patricia (Neumiller) Tofte, his children Jason Tofte, Jennifer (Eric) Garland, Sara (Jason) Anderson. His seven grandchildren, Emma, Paige, Kayli, Olivia, Claire, Ashtyn and Amelia. His two brothers, Lloyd (Esther) Tofte and John (Mary) Tofte and his beloved dog, Holly.

Otto was preceded in death by his parents and his four children.

## In Loving Memory of



*Otto C. Tofte August 9, 1939 - November 2, 2019* 



"Love and Go On"

You can shed tears that he is gone, or you can smile because he lived. You can close your eyes and pray that he will come back, or you can open your eyes and see all that he has left. Your heart can be empty because you can't see him or you can be full of the love that you shared. You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday, or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday. You can remember him and only that he is gone or you can cherish his memory and let it live on. You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back, or you can do what he would want: Smile, open your eyes, love and go on. In Loving Memory of



August 9, 1939 - Grand Forks, ND November 2, 2019 - Carrington, ND

FUNERAL SERVICE Thursday, November 7, 2019 ~ 2:00PM Evans Funeral Home, Carrington

> OFFICIATING Pastor Josh Froelich

## **RECORDED MUSIC**

I'm Leaving Now by Johnny Cash Lonesome Whistle by Boxcar Willie Go Rest High On That Mountain by Vince Gill

> HONORARY BEARERS All of Otto's Grandchildren

Emma Tofte, Olivia Tofte, Claire Tofte, Paige Garland Kayli Anderson, Ashtyn Anderson, Amelia Anderson

> Arrangements by Evans Funeral Home - Carrington & New Rockford, ND www.EvansFuneralHomeND.com