James William Ferguson, age 87, of New Rockford, ND passed away April 10, 2021 at the Lutheran Home of the Good Shepherd.

James Ferguson was born on April 6, 1934 to Kenneth and Violet (Gwynn) Ferguson in Carrington, ND.

He graduated with honors from Carrington High School. After he graduated, he went to work at JC Penney for a period of time and then enlisted in the Army. In the Army he worked with Morse code and built and fixed radios.

He met his wife, Marlys Seiler, at a dance and they were married on June 10, 1954 in Augusta, Georgia. They settled in New Rockford in 1960 where they raised their seven children. Many years were spent with his favorite dance partner. They could cut a rug like no other. Everyone just loved to watch them on the dance floor. It always looked like they were floating



on air. James and Marlys spent many winter months in Mesa, AZ during their retirement years.

James was a man of many talents. In the community he was known as James, in church as Jim the reader, Jake to his wife, Jimmy to his mother, or simply Dad and Grandpa.

James spent his adult life farming and served on many boards and committees. He was a member of the Eagles Club, St. John's Church and was a 3rd degree Knight in the Knights of Columbus. He was a prolife advocate. He could make anything run. He was very tech savvy and even built computers for himself and family.

James' deep and abiding faith, strong work ethic and unfailing honesty and integrity set an example for his children and grandchildren to live up to and strive for.

Privileged to have shared in his life and be loved by him were his wife Marlys of almost 67 years; his children and grandchildren; Kim Ferguson of Fargo, ND and her children Mandy (Matthew) Munro, Jared (Wendy) Balow, and Jessica (Dave) Passal; Roxann (Loren) Melvie of Bismarck and their children Brenden, Connor, and Devin Melvie; Jill Weber of New Rockford, ND and her children Casey Weber, Levi (Chelsey) Weber, Cassidy (Parm) Borst, and Lexie Weber; Jewel Turcotte of Chanhassen, MN and her children Nathan Turcotte, Kelsey (Preston) Weisenburger, and Tory (Lacey) Turcotte; Jay Ferguson of Sioux Falls, SD; Guy (Mandy) Ferguson of Bismarck, ND and their children Jayden, Kailee, Cru, Jonah, Hudson, and Hayden; Tye (Erin) Ferguson of Shakopee, MN and their children Madison, Jack, and Lucy. He is also survived by soon to be 17 great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Family members waiting to greet James in heaven are his parents, mother and father-in-law Joe and Marian (Ulness) Seiler; sister Lorraine Jensen, brother Eugene Ferguson, son-in-law Bradley Weber, and grandson Dylan Turcotte.

To all who are reading his "story", to all who have loved him, to all who have crossed his path, and to the staff who went above and beyond during his 16-month stay at the Lutheran Home of the Good Shepherd, we thank you for adding to the richness of this man's life.

In Loving Memory of



James "Jim" Ferguson

April 6, 1934 - April 10, 2021



A limb has fallen from the family tree.

I keep hearing a voice that says, "Grieve not for me.

Remember the best times, the laughter, the song.

The good life I lived while I was strong.

Continue my heritage, I'm counting on you.

Keep smiling and surely the sun will shine through.

My mind is at ease, my soul is at rest.

Remembering all, how I truly was blessed.

Continue traditions, no matter how small.

Go on with your life, don't worry about falls

l miss you all dearly, so keep up your chin.

Until the day comes we'ne together again.

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James William Ferguson

April 6, 1934 – Carrington, ND April 10, 2021 – New Rockford, ND

VISITATION

Tuesday, April 13, 2021 1:00PM-5:00PM ~ Evans Funeral Home, New Rockford, ND 6:00PM-7:00PM ~ St. John's Catholic Church, New Rockford, ND

ROSARY / VIGIL SERVICE

Tuesday, April 13, 2021 6:45PM Rosary & 7:00PM Vigil Service St. John's Catholic Church, New Rockford, ND

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Wednesday, April 14, 2021 ~ 11:00AM St. John's Catholic Church, New Rockford, ND

OFFICIATING

Father Reese Weber & Deacon Bart Salazar

MUSIC

Heather Klocke

CASKET BEARERS

Nathan Turcotte ~ Jared Balow ~ Casey Weber ~ Levi Weber Tory Turcotte ~ Brenden Melvie ~ Connor Melvie ~ Devin Melvie Jayden Ferguson ~ Cru Walker ~ Jack Ferguson

HONORARY BEARERS

All of Jim's Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren

BURIAL

St. John's Catholic Cemetery, New Rockford, ND

Arrangements By
Evans Funeral Home – Carrington & New Rockford, ND
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