

Ralph Duursma Jr. of Carrington, ND passed away on Thursday, February 2, 2023, after a three-year battle with cancer, with family by his side.

Ralph "Bud" was born May 18, 1937, to Ralph and Nellie (Wobbema) Duursma in Carrington, ND. He married the love of his life Irene (Gillig) Duursma on June 22, 1957 in New Rockford, ND. They moved to Brookings, SD for a couple years before returning back to Carrington, ND. Once they returned to Carrington, Ralph was drafted into the US Army from 1960-1962, he was stationed in Fort Davens, Massachusetts and Alaska. After the Army, they made their homes in and around the Carrington area. Ralph was employed at Schultz Lumber for 34 years, he also worked at Robertson Lumber until they closed. He also had his own Construction Company for several years.

Ralph enjoyed the outdoors, camping, fishing, hunting, and beer. He also enjoyed spending time with his family and friends, shooting pool and bowling. Most of all, he enjoyed spending the last 66 years with the love of his life, Irene. He also had a very special nephew, Cory, who he and Irene raised from a young age.

He is and will be deeply missed by his wife, Irene of Carrington; special nephew, Cory (Kyu) Morlock of Edinburg, TX; 2 brothers, Hank Duursma of Forman, ND, and Tom (Viv) Duursma of Bismarck, ND; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ralph Sr. and Nellie (Wobbema) Duursma; sister, Dorothy (Duursma) Pretzer and nephews, David and Rick Pretzer, Wayne Pepple and Carl Gillig Jr.

Celebrating

THE LIFE OF



Ralph Duursma Jr.

MAY 18, 1937 – FEBRUARY 2, 2023



After Glow

I'd like the memory of me
to be a happy one.

I'd like to leave an Afterglow
of smiles when day is done.

I'd like to leave an echo...
whispering softly down the ways,
Of happy time and laughing times
and bright and sunny days.

I'd like the tears of those who grieve,
to dry before the sun
Of happy memories that I leave
When day is done.

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VISITATION

Saturday, February 11, 2023

1:00PM - 2:00PM

Evans Funeral Home, Carrington, ND

FUNERAL SERVICE

Saturday, February 11, 2023

2:00PM

Evans Funeral Home, Carrington, ND

OFFICIATING

Rev. Michael Woods

MUSIC

Greg & Melea Boles

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

All of Ralph's Nieces and Nephews

MILITARY HONORS

North Dakota Army Funeral Honors Team

BURIAL

Carrington Cemetery, Carrington, ND at a later date

Arrangements by

Evans Funeral Home – Carrington & New Rockford, ND

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