

For all the lazy afternoons You cheered on the

# **HOME TEAM**

From your favorite chair,

And all the times you

Checked us on,

We always strove to make you proud

Though your heroes were on the field

And on the screen.

You were OUR HERO all along.





# RALPH (LOCKWOOD) HUMENYIK

#### DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH

June 24, 1948 ~ Massillon, Ohio

#### DATE & PLACE OF DEATH

September 6, 2016 ~ Williston, North Dakota

## Funeral Services

3:30 pm, Saturday, September 10, 2016 Lutheran Brethren Church Williston, North Dakota

### OFFICIATING

Reverend Ron Erickson

# SPECIAL REMARKS

Larry Grondahl

### EWLOGIST

Elizabeth Humenyik

#### MUSIC

Karen Borseth ~ Accompanist Gene Davis~ Soloist

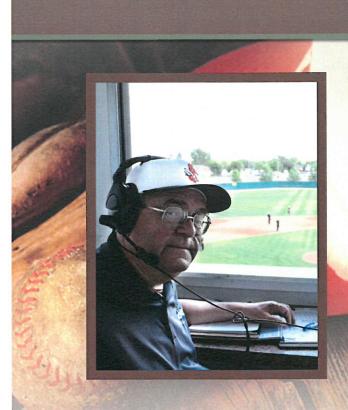
#### PALLBEARERS

Dennis Healy ~ Aaron Finders ~ Larry Grondahl Terry Olson ~ Hunter Berg ~ Tom Christen

# HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Ralph's Grandchildren ~ Landon, Brandon, Holden & Leah

All the Players throughout Ralph's Broadcasting Career



In Loving Memory Of

# RALPH (LOCKWOOD) HUMENYIK



June 24, 1946 - September 6, 2016



Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took His hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work or play
Tasks left undone must stay that way

I found that peace at the close of the day

If my parting has left a void

Then fill it with remembered

A friendship shared,
a laugh, a kiss Ah, yes, these things I too will miss
Be not burdened with times of sorrow

I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow

Ny life has been full, I've savored much

My life has been full, I've savored much Good friends, good times, loved one's touch

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief

Don't lengthen it now with undue grief

Lift up your heart and share with me God wanted me now, He set me FREE!

Ralph was born June 24, 1948 to Steve & Gerry Humenyik in Ohio where he attended primary school through high school. After high school Ralph attended Brown Broadcasting College in Washington D.C.

June 3, 1968 was the first game of his broadcasting career. During Ralph's years with the radio stations, he worked for KTGO, KDSR, KGCX, and KEYZ. While at KTGO in Tioga he implemented a very popular Saturday morning radio show "Coaches Corner" which he also brought with him when he moved to Williston years later. Ralph announced games for area schools all over NW North Dakota and NE Montana. He was known as the "Voice of the Tetons", "Voice of the Coyotes", "Voice of the Keybirds", and also many years known as the "Voice of the Wolves". Ralph was privileged to announce 3 Babe Ruth World Series in his years announcing games. His last game he announced in his career was this year at the Championship of the 2016 Babe Ruth World Series in Williston. This game was over 8100 of his career. For over 30 years he was involved in announcing for the races for the Williston Basin Racing Association, he also announced numerous demolition derbies in the Williston Basin. On July 25, 2002 Ralph was awarded a Special Recognition Award form the North Dakota High School Coaches Association as the Sports Director for KDSR Radio in Williston.

In 1975 he met Bev Wolla. They were married June 3, 1976. In 1986 Ralph, Bev and their two sons moved to Williston. He continued to call baseball, basketball, and football games around the area. At this time he also started advertising sales at the local radio station. During the time of announcing he found a love for coaching legion baseball in Tioga. The family spent time fishing & camping when the kids were young. When Ralph was not working he liked to spend time golfing, playing amateur basketball & couples softball & bowling. For many years he was involved in playing darts. One of Ralph's favorite past times in his younger years around the holidays was playing Santa for the Williston Chamber of Commerce and walking the streets and dispensing candy to children Although one time Santa was not careful where he parked his sleigh and received a parking ticket

Ralph is survived by his wife of 40 years Beverly Humenyik, his mother Gerry Humenyik, his son Shane & Beth Humenyik and their three children Brandon (11), Leah (8), and Holden (6) and his son Dean & Trisha Humenyik and their son Landon (6).

Preceding him in death were his father, Steve Humenyik and brother, Barry Humenyik.

