



Memory
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Robert Ervin Harmon

Born to Merton & Isabelle Harmon

July 5, 1930 ~ Havre, Montana

Returned to His Heavenly Father

June 8, 2020 ~ Williston, North Dakota

Funeral Service

Monday, June 15, 2020, 2:00 PM

Wilmington Lutheran Church ~ Arnegard, North Dakota

Officiating

Pastor Garrett Gudmunsen

Pastor Sheldon Sorenson

Eulogist

Beverly Frank

Reader

Eugene Holen

Music

Bekki Larson ~ Vocalist

Patty Hovde ~ Organist

Arianna & Wesley Kindel ~ Violins

Pallbearers

Craig Wahlstrom

Jim Larson

Joel Grieger

Alan Bruins

Harold Larson

Jay Obergfell

Honorary Pallbearers

All of Robert's Friends

Ushers

Jacob Grieger & Jeff Kindel

Military Rites

Carl E. Rogen Post #29

North Dakota Honor Guard

Final Resting Place

Wilmington Cemetery

Arnegard, North Dakota

Hope Strength

Arrangements By

Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home ~ Williston, ND



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The Rose Beyond The Wall

Near a shady wall a rose once grew,
Budded and blossomed in God's free light,
Watered and fed by the morning dew,
Shedding it's sweetness day and night.

As it grew and blossomed fair and tall,
Slowly rising to loftier height,
It came to a crevice in the wall
Through which there shone a beam of light.

Onward it crept with added strength
With never a thought of fear or pride,
It followed the light through the crevice's length
And unfolded itself on the other side.

The light, the dew, the broadening view
Were found the same as they were before,
And it lost itself in beauties new,
Breathing it's fragrance more and more.

Shall claim of death cause us to grieve
And make our courage faint and fall?
Nay! Let us faith and hope receive--
The rose still grows beyond the wall,

Scattering fragrance far and wide
Just as it did in days of yore,
Just as it did on the other side,
Just as it will forever-more.



Robert Ervin Harmon was born July 5, 1930 at Havre, MT to Merton and Isabelle Greene Harmon. The Harmon family moved to Trenton in 1936 where Merton was a Railroad Depot Agent. When Robert was 10, the family moved to Charbonneau where he grew to manhood. He attended

Charbonneau School and received his High School Degree through the Division of Supervised Study at NDSU. Bob worked for numerous area farmers and the railroad extra gang out of Fairview, MT. He worked on the construction of the Garrison Dam, then moved to the oil patch out of New Town, ND.

In 1952, Robert was drafted in the US Army during the Korean Conflict. After basic training he was stationed in Germany where he was a mechanic. He served until 1954 when he was honorably discharged with the rank of Corporal. In 1954 the family moved back to Charbonneau. In 1956, Robert married Sylvia Grieger. After this marriage, Robert and Sylvia moved to New Town where they owned the Sunset Motel. Robert started a roustabout business doing concrete and excavation work. Four children were born to the couple while they lived in New Town – Donna Patricia, Beverly Anne, Kenneth Robert, and Sandra Jane. Robert and Sylvia divorced in 1978.

In 1989, Robert married Ida Maud Lester Evanson in Arnegard where they made their home until moving to Williston in 2016. Robert entered the Bethel Lutheran Nursing Home in Williston in 2017 where he resided until his death.

Robert was a member of the Moose Lodge and American Legion in Williston, the Arnegard Lions Club, and Wilmington Lutheran Church in Arnegard.

Robert had a lifelong passion for music and was ready to play his violin at any opportunity given to him. He relished a good joke and loved his cats. He enjoyed visiting with his coffee group at the Arnegard Café. Everyone knew Robert to never say a negative word about anyone in his almost 90 years on this earth.

Preceding Robert in death were his parents, Merton and Isebel Harmon; brother, Merton Harmon; daughter, Donna and son-in-law, Judd Evans, and son-in-law, Shotae Little Soldier. Robert's survivors include his wife of 30 years, Ida; brother, Dale (Linda) Harmon, San Diego, CA; children, Beverly (Dwight) Frank of Beulah; Kenneth (Jeannine) Harmon of Duluth, MN; Sandra (Henry) Metzger of St. Paul, MN; step-children Debra (Ken) Nelson of Dickinson, ND; Barbara Evanson of Bismarck, ND; David (Penny) Evanson of Williston, ND; and Tracy Evanson, Grand Forks, ND. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Emily Evans, Karsen and Skye Little Soldier, Luke Mueller, Marie Harmon, Brian and Brent Nelson, Valerie McDaniel, Jeremiah Evanson, and Gabrielle Evanson, along with four great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

