

# In Loving Memory Curtis Ray Sylte

Born to Willis & Dorothy Sylte
April 21, 1960 ~ Williston, North Dakota

Called Home to His Heavenly Father
December 31, 2021 ~ Williston, North Dakota

#### **Funeral Service**

Saturday, January 8, 2022 at 2:00 PM Gloria Dei Lutheran Church Williston, North Dakota

## Officiating Pastor David Maxfield

#### Music

"How Great Thou Art"
"Scars In Heaven"~ Casting Crowns
"Because He Lives"

#### **Special Music**

"Amazing Grace My Chains Are Gone"

Vocalist
Linda Clemes

Accompanist

Pat Lund

#### Pallbearers

Brad Skaare
Dave Arnson
Darren Birkeland

Neil Hagen Dean Klein

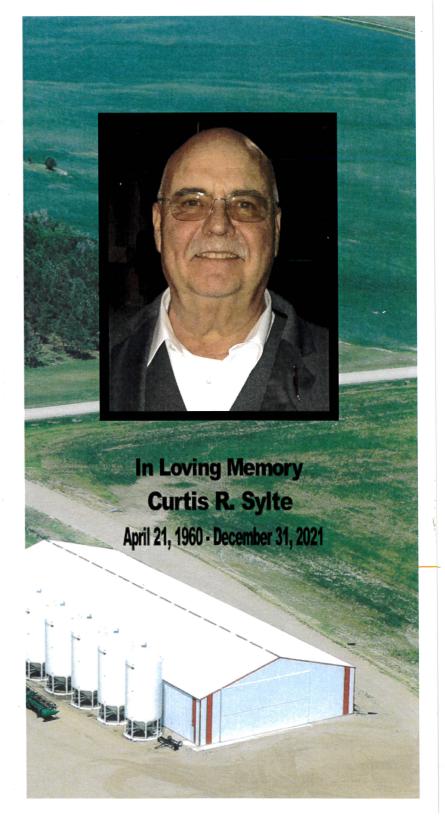
Neil Birkeland

### Honorary Pallbearers

All of Curtis's Family & Friends

#### **Arrangements By**

Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home Williston, North Dakota



#### 'Come with Me.'

God saw you getting tired and a cure was not to be So He put His arms around you and whispered 'Come with Me.' With tearful eyes, we watched you suffer and saw you fade away. although we loved you dearly we could not make you stay, a golden heart stopped beating. hard working hands at rest God broke our hearts to prove He only takes the best. It's lonesome here without you, we miss you more each day, life doesn't seem the same, since you've gone away. When days are sad and lonely and everything goes wrong, we seem to hear you whisper 'cheer up and carry on.' Each time we see your picture, you seem to smile and say 'Don't cry, I'm in God's keeping we'll meet again someday. 'You never said 'I'm leaving', you never said goodbye, you were gone before we knew it, and only God knew why. A million times we needed you, a million times we cried, if love alone could have saved you, you never would have died. In life we loved you dearly, in death we love you still,

in our hearts you hold a place,

that no one could ever fill. It broke our hearts to lose you,

but you didn't go alone,

for part of us went with you, the day God took you home.

Rhonda Braswell

Curtis Ray Sylte was born April 21, 1960 to Willis and Dorothy (Brunelle) Sylte in Williston, North Dakota. He was raised on the family farm north of Williston. Curt was baptized and confirmed at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, where he also attended elementary school. He then attended Williston Junior High and graduated from Williston High School in 1979. Curt furthered his education at UND-Williston, where he received a welding certificate. In his younger years, he worked at Jerry Harmon Motors, Tony's Equipment, Williston Redi-Mix, PAMCO, Industrial Equipment and later did some work for M & K Hotshot. In his mid-20's, Curt started farming and this was his lifelong passion. He was happiest when he was driving a tractor or combine. Curt served for 36 years as the clerk/treasurer for Athens Township and also served on the Williams County Vector Control Board.

On June 15th, 1985 he married Phyllis Hagen, and they established their life together on the farmstead that his grandfather, Edwin Sylte, homesteaded. The farmstead was north of Williston, where they raised their children, Andrew and Lisa. Curt enjoyed playing volleyball, camping, ice fishing, hunting, cruising in his pontoon at Blacktail Dam, or you could find him cruising around in his Ranger.

In 2018, Curt was diagnosed with autonomic neuropathy. Over the last few years, Curt's health slowly declined due to the progression of his autonomic neuropathy. In April 2020, he was injured in an accident and then in August 2020 he became infected with COVID, both of which he was fortunate to survive.

Curt's grandchildren have been the light of his life over the past few years. As his health failed, he never gave up and he tried to stay as active as he could when his body allowed it. He truly enjoyed the phone calls and visits from family, friends, and neighbors. He will be deeply missed by many people.

Curt is survived by his wife, Phyllis; son, Andrew (Mara) and their children, Ayden and Ava; daughter, Lisa (Willy Senff) and their daughter, Yolanda; brothers, Ronald (Ruby), Derald (Deb Sellheim) and Russell (Traci); sister, Nancy (Paul) Keller; brothers-in-law,

Ronald (Peggy) Hagen, John (Diane) Hagen and Neil (Paula) Hagen; sisters-in-law, Judy Sylte and Vonda (Kevin) Syverson; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents, Dorothy and Willis Sylte; grandparents, Edwin and Nevada Sylte, Ledger and Corinne Brunelle; brothers, Calvin Sylte and Myron Sylte; sister, Karen Lindsey; brother-in-law, Dean Lindsey; sister-in-law, Cindy Sylte; father-in-law, Leonard Hagen; and mother-in-law, Thelma Hagen.

