Russell "Rusty" Duane Sherman Jr. passed away in his home on Wednesday, October 23, 2024, at 70 years old. Rusty was born to Russell and Ellen (Gruntjes) Sherman on July 13, 1954. He was raised on a family farm just outside of Carrington, ND, along with 2 older sisters, 4 younger brothers, and 1 younger sister.

During his high school years, Rusty worked in his family's plumbing business, quickly picking up the trade. After graduating high school, he continued plumbing and obtained his Journeyman license in 1976. He became known for his intelligence, strong work ethic, and willingness to help everyone. He was a consistent presence at the swimming pool every spring and fall, year after year, pivotal in ensuring that it would remain open for the kids to enjoy.

After 55+ years of serving his community, Rusty had worked on essentially every building in Carrington and most other buildings in the surrounding communities. He was an absolute master at his craft and was known to be able to fix or engineer virtually anything involving plumbing, heating and air conditioning units, and appliances. His meticulous quality and attention to detail were as iconic as his blue work truck, and his ingenuity was respected throughout the state. Rusty's wealth of technical and historical knowledge is a tragic loss for the community. He will be greatly missed by many.

Rusty was preceded in death by his parents, Russell (2012) and Ellen (2016). He is survived and loved by his children, Ashley, Beth, and Matthew; his grandchildren, Knox, Kinsley, Zander, Ari, and Ivy; his sisters, Margaret, Kathy, and Karin "Buffy"; his brothers, Jim, Glenn, Danny, and Mike; and numerous nieces and nephews.



Celebrating THE LIFE OF



Russell "Rusty" Sherman

JULY 13, 1954 - OCTOBER 23, 2024

## He Is Gone

You can shed tears that he is gone, Or you can smile because he lived, You can close your eyes and pray that he will come back, Or you can open your eyes and see all that he has left.

Your heart can be empty because you can't see him Or you can be full of the love that you shared, You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday, Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.

You can remember him and only that he is gone Or you can cherish his memory and let it live on, You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back, Or you can do what he would want: smile, open your eyes, love and go on.

## In Loving Memory Of **Russell Duane Sherman Jr.**

July 13, 1954 – Carrington, ND October 23, 2024 – Carrington, ND

CELEBRATION OF LIFE Saturday, November 2, 2024 2:00PM Evans Funeral Home, Carrington, ND

> OFFICIATING Pastor Rick Loewen

SPECIAL MUSIC Everything I Own ~ Bread Keep Me In Your Heart ~ Warren Zevon Hear You Me (Acoustic) ~ Alex Goot

HONORARY PALLBEARERS Jay Linderman ~ Todd Ingebretson ~ Duane Kliem Jerome Zink ~ Rich Myers ~ Clinton Sherman Josh Sherman ~ Joe Sherman

> BURIAL Carrington Cemetery Carrington, ND

FELLOWSHIP CBS' Bar-and-Grill Carrington, ND

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