

## **BROKEN CHAIN**

**We little knew the day that God  
was coming to call your name.**

**In life we loved you dearly,  
in death we do the same.**

**It broke our heart to lose you,  
but you did not go alone;**

**For part of us went with you  
the day God called you home.**

**You left us peaceful memories,  
your love is still our guide,**

**And although we cannot see you,  
you are always at our side.**

**Our family chain is broken  
and nothing seems the same,**

**But as God calls us one by one,  
the chain will link again.**

*Raymond Bloom*, 76, of Faulkton, SD passed away Saturday, March 19, 2016 at the Faulkton Area Medical Center.

Raymond Leroy Bloom was born October 15, 1939 in Winfred, SD to Orville and Eva (McDonald) Bloom. He attended and graduated from Ramona High School in 1957. After graduation Ray worked for Amert Construction and on the family farm.

Ray was united in marriage to Bonnie Christensen on February 25, 1961 at Badger, SD. To this union two children were born.

Ray work for Schwan's Sales Inc. for 12 years where they made their home in Faulkton, SD and Thorton, CO. In 1980 the family relocated back to Faulkton, SD where Ray became the manager of the Super 8 Motel and later was a rural mail carrier for many years, recently retiring in 2015.

Ray enjoyed spending time hunting, and fishing with his wife on the Missouri River. He truly loved time spent with his family and friends; his nightly kitchen table cards games; and he was a passionate race car owner and had a top winning car that he raced at Miller and Huron, SD.

Ray's life will be cherished by his wife of 55 years, Bonnie, Faulkton, SD; children: Shelly Lerew (Al Strom), Groton, SD and Jeff (Julie) Bloom, Fredericksburg, IA; sisters: Carol Ecklund, Arlington, SD and Patsy (Larry) Schaffer, Ramona, SD; grandchildren: Ty Lerew, Groton, SD, Tiffany (Randy) Albertson, Tripp, SD, Lynsie (Dan) Wallace, Ottosen, IA, Taylor Bloom, Cedar Falls, IA, and Tanner and Zoie Allison, Fredericksburg, IA; great grandchildren: Carter, Lane and Brody and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Rita.

# In Loving Memory



**Raymond L. Bloom**  
**1939 ~ 2016**

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