

In Loving Memory of

Ronald Robert Graves

*March 23, 1946
Aberdeen, South Dakota*

*July 4, 2019
Cresbard, South Dakota*

VISITATION: 3:00 - 5:00 p.m., Sunday, July 7, 2019
United Methodist Church ~ Cresbard, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE: 2:00 p.m., Monday, July 8, 2019
United Methodist Church ~ Cresbard, South Dakota

OFFICIATING: *Pastor John Hale and Pastor Eldon Reich*

CASKET BEARERS: *Dale Holt, Roger Holt, Wayne Holt, David Holt,
Kevin Dix, Dennis Christianson, Chuck Blain,
Rocky Waite, Bruce Glawe, and Jon Batteen*

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS:

*American Legion Post #213, all of his hunting buddies
Grandchildren: Mackenzie and Tucker Bird, Ella and Madeline Graves*

ORGANIST: *Nancy Trefz*

SOLOIST: *Jerry Bowar "On Eagle's Wings"*

SONGS:

*"Old Rugged Cross" "God Bless America"
"Run Through The Jungle"*

USHERS: *Dennis Holm, Brent Gabler, and Craig Kretschmar*

INTERMENT: *Cresbard Cemetery ~ Cresbard, South Dakota
With Military Honors*



*God saw he was getting tired
And a cure was not to be,
So He put His arms around him
And whispered "Come with me."*

*With tearful eyes
We watched him suffer
And saw him fade away
Although we loved him dearly,
We would not make him stay.*

*A golden heart stopped beating,
Hard working hands to rest.
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He only takes the best.*



Faulkton, South Dakota
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Ronald Robert Graves was born March 23, 1946 in Aberdeen to Robert William and Esther Marie (McCormick) Graves. He attended and graduated from Barnard High School. Ronald went on to further his education at Northern State College where he majored in history and minored in math.

Ronald spent his entire life teaching education to students in Little Eagle, Roscoe, Corsica and Cresbard. While teaching, he was able to coach every sport, however he focused most of his time on girls' basketball. After the closing of Cresbard's school in 2004, Ronald went on to teach at Aberdeen Central.

On June 3, 1972, Ronald was united in marriage to Joanne Marie Holt in Faulkton. They raised their children in Cresbard where they lived for the past 42 years.

Ronald was a very proud American, who loved his country. He was drafted in the United States Army on April 16, 1969 serving during the Vietnam War. He was honorably discharged on January 22, 1971. He was an active member of the Cresbard American Legion Post #213 and served his country and the land he loved in many ways. During his free time from school, Ronald would work for area farmers, hunt, cheer on the Yankees, Twins and Vikings, spend time with his grandkids and coach baseball. He spent countless hours dedicating his time to the baseball field. In his younger days, he enjoyed doing woodworking and attending dances with Joanne.

Those left to cherish his life include his wife, Joanne Graves, Cresbard; his two children: Jodi (Mike) Bird, Menomonie, WI and Brett (Lisa) Graves, Wahpeton, ND; grandchildren: Mackenzie and Tucker Bird, Menomonie, WI and Ella and Madeline Graves, Wahpeton, ND; mother-in-law, Hazel Holt, Faulkton; sister-in-law, Charlotte Graves, Frederick; and brothers and sisters-in-law: Judy Roth, Warner, Nancy Roach, Redfield, Dale (Kim) Holt, Cresbard, Roger Holt, Jefferson, Wayne (Pearl) Holt, Aberdeen, David (Shirley) Holt, Cresbard, Marie Holt, Eden, and Melanie (Bruce) Glawe, Maple Grove, MN; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Glenn Graves; father-in-law, William Holt; and an uncle, Marvin Graves.

The family would like to extend a sincere thanks to Avera Home Hospice for the wonderful care they provided to Ronald.

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