

DON'T BE SAD

Don't be sad and lonely,
Because I've gone away.
 Think about me only,
 When it's a brighter day.
Don't waste your time crying,
 Since I'm no longer here.
You have spent enough time,
 Showing me that you care.
 Wipe away your sadness,
 For tears won't bring relief.
 Cherish the memories,
 Forget about your grief.
 If I could be with you,
 That is where I would be,
 But I have no power,
 To change life's destiny.
 So try to be happy,
Don't mourn your life away,
 For we'll be together,
 At the end of life's day.

Arrangements Entrusted To
Luce Funeral Home - Faulkton, S.D.
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Raymond J. Pottebaum

February 10, 1939 - July 16, 2024



Raymond J. Pottebaum, 85, of Miller and formerly of Orient, passed away Tuesday, July 16, 2024, at the Good Samaritan Society in Miller.

Raymond was born February 10, 1939, in Faulkton, SD as the fourth child and only son to Joseph and Matilda (Lenhoff) Pottebaum. He grew up on the family farm a half mile south of Orient. He attended all 12 grades in Orient and graduated in 1958 with the last graduating class from Orient High School. After graduation, he worked for Reg Conway as a farmhand. Ray then started working for Cenex, which at the time was Farmers Oil Company. While employed at Cenex, he delivered gas to area farmers, often carrying bubble gum for the children on his route. During his employment, he achieved several certifications for flammable fuels. He retired in 2004 after nearly 45 years of employment with Cenex. He moved into town with his family in 1963 and lived in Orient until 2021 when he moved to the Miller Manor in Miller, SD.

Raymond lived a simple life. He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends. He attended his niece and nephew's weddings and opened a Facebook account so he could keep up with the happenings in their lives. Ray was a regular at the Orient Cenex station for coffee and conversation and continued driving from Miller after he moved. He enjoyed carpentry, watching westerns, and was a very good cook! In 2023 he was honored as the Grand Marshall for the Orient parade.

Raymond is survived by three sisters, Norma Miller, Faulkton, SD; Elaine Joyce, Alexandria, MN; and Cele (Frank) King, Sioux Falls; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Dolores Edgar; and brothers-in-law, Donald (Fud) Edgar, Robert Miller, and Patrick Joyce.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Orient Community Club or St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

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Rosary: 10:00 a.m.

Rosary Leaders: Ray's Cenex Family

Funeral Mass:

11:00 a.m., Monday, July 22, 2024

St. Joseph Catholic Church
Orient, South Dakota

Celebrant: Father John Short

Casketbearers:

Ben Laabs - Austin McCloud - Andrew Edgar
Zach Hunke - Raymond Edgar - Tom Edgar

Honorary Casketbearers:

All Raymond's Nieces & Nephews

Ushers: Dean Edgar & Steve Miller

Placing of Pall:

Cecelia & Frank King
Mike Miller & Richard Joyce

Lectors: Marcia King, Sheri Messler, Janell Gronholz

Giftbearers: Jeanine Laabs, Jeanette Meyers, Janet Schliinz

Eucharistic Minister: Jane McCloud

Musicians: Melissa Hayes & Jerry Bowar

Music Selections:

Opening: "Be Not Afraid"
Offertory: "On Eagles Wings"
Communion: "I Am the Bread of Life"
Song of Farewell
Closing: "Amazing Grace"

Burial:

St. Joseph Catholic Church
Orient, South Dakota