



Roads Go Ever On

by J.R.R. Tolkien, from the *Hobbit*

Roads go ever ever on,
Over rock and under tree,
By caves where never the sun has shone,
By streams that never find the sea;
Over snow by winter sown,
And through the merry flowers of June,
Over grass and over stone,
And under mountains in the moon.

Roads go ever ever on
Under cloud and under star,
Yet feet that wandering have gone
 Turn at last to home afar.
Eyes that fire and sword have seen
 An horror in the halls of stone
 Look at last on meadows green
And trees and hills they long have known.

**In Loving Memory Of
James Bert Moritz**

PRAYER SERVICE:

7:00 p.m., Sunday, December 7, 2025
Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Faulkton, South Dakota

CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE:

11:00 a.m., Monday, December 8, 2025
Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Faulkton, South Dakota

OFFICIATING: Pastor LeShea Avery

CASKET BEARERS:

Jim's Children and Grandchildren

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS:

Janet Reed, Bill and Betty Krikac,
Dale and Joan Eschenbaum, Norb and Barb Reuer

MUSICIAN:

Beth Deiter

MUSIC:

“Blowing in the Wind”
“Battle Hymn of the Republic”
“On Eagle’s Wings”
“Bourning Cry”

INTERMENT:

1:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 9, 2025
South Dakota Veterans Cemetery
Sioux Falls, South Dakota

James B. "Jim" Moritz, 76, of Garretson, formerly of Faulkton passed away, after a hard-fought battle with Parkinson's disease Wednesday, December 3, 2025, at Ava's Hospice House, Sioux Falls.

James B. "Jim" Moritz was born July 1, 1949, in Watertown to Bert and Helen (Condit) Moritz of Clark, SD. He was baptized and confirmed at Plymouth Congregational Church in Clark. He grew up in the print shop of the Clark County Courier, starting as the janitor sweeping the floors, then sweeping up the Linotype lead filings and eventually graduating to running the newspaper letter press and doing commercial job work.

Jim graduated from Clark High School in 1967 and enrolled at South Dakota State University in Brookings, majoring in printing management and history. He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1970, where he served at Bentwaters R.A.F. in England. He was honorably discharged after three and a half years and returned to SDSU to finish his college degree. He graduated in 1975 with a B.S. in history and returned to Clark to join the family business.

On December 18, 1976, he married C. Jody Messer at St. Paul's Lutheran in Clark. The family corporation purchased the *Faulk County Record* in Faulkton in Oct. 1977, and Jim and Jody moved there to operate the newspaper. The couple were married for nearly 49 years, and had a strong relationship that modeled kindness, generosity, and love for all who knew them.

Son Garrick was born to the happy couple in 1980, and son Paul was born in 1984. Between them, they gave Jim six grandchildren.

Jim retired in 2015 after 38 years of ownership, selling the Record to long-time employee Val Ramsdell. For the next ten years he happily traveled, golfed, and visited his grandchildren. His children and grandchildren were the light of his life; he would do what he could to play with, interact with, and show his love for them.

Jim was very involved in the Faulkton community. He was a long-time member of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Faulkton, a 40+ year member of the Faulkton Area Lions Club, a member of the Faulkton Business and Professional Association for many years, and a member of the Foncannon American Legion Post #102 for more than 40 years. From 1978 to 2015 he never missed a Memorial Day program. He was a long-time member of the Faulk County Historical Society and Faulkton Area Arts Council and served as president of Lakeside Country Club where Jim was an avid golfer and scored a hole in one on #4. While operating the *Faulk County Record*, he attended every Faulkton High School graduation, hundreds of board meetings and many other school events.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Jody; his son Garrick (Carrie) Moritz and their children Morgan (Emily) Moritz and Leif Moritz; his son Paul (Alex) Moritz and their children Isaac Tuey, Liam Tuey, Mason Moritz, and Simon Moritz; and siblings: Jane (John) Andrich, David (Marlys) Moritz, and Ann (Dennis) Kelly; adopted son and cousin, Benny Floden.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Bert and Helen Moritz, parents in law, Marv and Blanche Messer; AFS brother, Wolf Wagner.

