

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God laid for me.  
I took His hand when I heard Him call  
I turned my back and left it all I could not stay another day  
To laugh, to love, to work or play  
Tasks left undone must stay that way  
I found that peace at the close of the day  
If my parting has left a void  
Then fill it with remembered *Joy*  
A friendship shared,  
a laugh, a kiss Ah, yes, these things I too will miss  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow  
I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow  
My life has been full, I've savored much  
Good friends, good times, *a loved one's touch*  
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief  
Lift up your heart and share with me  
God wanted me now, He set me FREE!

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*Remembering*  
THE LIFE OF  
*Thomas Buddy Howell*

July 26, 1931 - July 6, 2018

Tom Howell, 86, of Stephan, passed away Friday, July 6, 2018 at Avera St. Mary's Hospital in Pierre.

Thomas Buddy Howell was born July 26, 1931 in Baltimore, Maryland to Thomas and Lillian (Smith) Howell. He graduated high school in Baltimore. He went on to serve eight years in the United States Air Force; four of those years being stationed in Japan. He was honorably discharge. On March 29, 1956, he married Virginia Touche in Rapid City. To this union, seven children were born: Diego, Kateri, Juan, Martina, Tom, Jr., Tekakwitha, and Christina. The family resided at Fort Thompson for a short time before settling in Stephan, South Dakota. Tom served his whole life as an ordained lay minister in the Catholic faith. He served the Immaculate Conception Church in Stephan; retiring at the age of 82.

In his free time, he enjoyed fishing, hunting, helping others, and serving the church. He was a member of Immaculate Conception Church.

He is survived by his children: Kateria of Omaha, NE, Juan of Denver, CO, Martina of Milford, PA, Tom, Jr. of Huron, SD, Tekakwitha of Mason City, IA, and Christina of Lake Mills, IA; grandchildren: George Comes Flying, Brandon Comes Flying, Vanessa Voice, Gerrit Voice, John Voice, McKenzie Comes Flying, Darin Klebsch, Alicia Howell, Stephan Howell, Chase Ingledue, Taylor Ingledue, JD Howell, Gavin Howell, Dalton Howell, Ethan Howell, Trent Felicia, and Teanna Dion; many great grandchildren; and siblings: Lenore, Jean, and Harrold.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Virginia in 2004; son, Diego Howell; and grandson, Dennis Comes Flying.

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**Visitation:**

9:00 a.m., Friday, July 13, 2018  
Immaculate Conception Church  
Stephan, South Dakota

**Funeral Service:**

10:00 a.m., Friday, July 13, 2018  
Immaculate Conception Church  
Stephan, South Dakota

**Minister:** Father Christianus Hendriks

**Casketbearers:**

Jon Paul Coronado - Adriano Nelson  
Don Paul Touche - Brandon Comes Flying

**Honorary Casketbearers:**

Stephan Howell - Darin Klebsch

**Musicians:** Darcy Pugh, Kim Jensen,  
Lana Kopplin, Shaly Werdel

**Music Selections:**

"Amazing Grace"  
"On Eagle's Wings"  
"Sent Forth by God's Blessings"

**Interment:**

2:00 p.m. MT, Friday, July 13, 2018  
Black Hills National Cemetery  
Sturgis, South Dakota