

The Life of Lyle Reder



Lyle Reder 73 of Groton, went to be with his Lord and Savior Sunday October 23, 2016 at the University of Minnesota Medical Center in Minneapolis.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10 A.M. Friday October 28, 2016 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Groton, Fr. Mike Kelly will officiate. Burial will be in the Groton Union Cemetery.

Visitation will be Thursday 5-7 p.m. at the church. Knights of Columbus will lead the Rosary at 6:30 and Wake Service will follow at 7 p.m. Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Lyle was born May 29, 1943, in Aberdeen, SD to Percy and Edith (Johnson) Reder, the second of nine children. He was united in marriage to Dorothy "Dodie" Fulker on October 1, 1966 at St. John's Catholic Church in Groton, recently celebrating 50 years of marriage.

Lyle attended school in Groton and at a very young age worked on several farms in the area. He was also employed at Eddy's High Grade Station, Groton Farm Store, and was parts manager at Trail Chevrolet and Oldsmobile until his health forced him to retire. Lyle proudly served in the SD National Guard during the Viet Nam era and was honorably discharged on March 31, 1970.

He was an avid pen and pencil collector and enjoyed farming, gardening, cooking and baking. Lyle had a great love of cars (especially Chevrolet) and the keeping up of his childhood home near Groton, where he resided until his death.

Lyle was an inspiration to all with his strong faith, eternal gratefulness, positive attitude and perseverance; bravely battling illness his entire adult life, with his devoted wife Dodie by his side throughout his journey.

On October 10, 2010 (10-10-10), Lyle received the gift of life, a liver transplant survivor for 6 years and 13 days. Lyle's donor, Andrew Schmidt, son of Ralph and Nancy Schmidt of Big Stone City, SD, lived on in his heart and soul, and Lyle was a dedicated organ donation advocate. The fact that he lived, while a young man died, weighed heavily on his heart every single day of his life. Eternally grateful for the gift of life, Lyle and Dodie formed an amazing bond with the Schmidt family celebrating Andrew's life and birthday with them each year. Lyle's wishes were that everyone becomes an organ donor.

Lyle was a member of St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church where he served as lector, usher, Eucharistic minister, 4th and 5th grade CCD teacher and a member of the Knights of Columbus. He was also a member of the Transplant Support Group in Aberdeen.

Grateful for sharing his life is his wife of 50 years, Dodie; his special Aunt Violet Quist of Aberdeen; six sisters, Sharon (Gary) Borg of Shoreview, MN; Gladys Reder of San Francisco, CA; Maggie (Tom) Granroth of Moundsview, MN; Janice (Monte) Freidig of Petaluma, CA; Joy (Olie) Floyd of Hill City, SD; Donna (David) Peterson of Litchfield, MN; and two brothers Roger (Julie) of Sartell, MN; Dale (Denise) Reder of Novato, CA. Also surviving Lyle are his donor family, the Ralph and Nancy Schmidt family; his many nieces and nephews, in-laws, cousins, and faithful companion Buttons.

Welcoming him to his eternal heavenly home are his parents, Percy Reder and Edith Reder Sweeter; his organ donor Andrew Schmidt; mother-in-law and father-in law, Forrest and Mary Fulker; Uncle Walter Reder; and maternal and paternal grandparents.

Lyle is remembered in our hearts and in our mind, and is greatly missed by those whose lives he touched.