

The Life of LeRoy Woods

LeRoy Woods, 78, Groton, formerly of Watertown & Garden City, moved to Heaven on March 3, 2019, to be with his wife Mickie. He was a resident at the Groton Care & Rehab Center for 1 year after Mickie move to Heaven to prepare their eternal home .

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 from 5-7 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Groton, SD with Liturgical Wake service beginning at 7 p.m. Visitation will continue 1 hour prior to Mass.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, March 6, 2019 at 11 a.m. at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Groton, with Father Mike Kelly officiating. The organist will be Anne Marie Smith. The casket bearers will be his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Burial will be at a later date at the Garden City, SD cemetery.

He was born LeRoy George Woods on January 29, 1941 in Hetland, SD (Kingsbury County), the oldest of 4 children born to George and Murial (Barber) Woods. He started high school in Lake Preston lettering in football is freshman year. Through several family moves he finished high school in Henry, SD graduating in 1959. LeRoy joined the army in 1960. He was a helicopter mechanic stationed in Europe for most of his service. LeRoy was honorably discharged in 1963.

On August 9, 1963 at St. Otto Catholic Church in Webster, SD he was united in marriage to Margaret "Mickie" Clemen after knowing each other for 4 months. He and Mickie made Garden City their home for 50 years where they raised their 4 children. The summer of 2013 LeRoy and Mickie moved to Watertown, SD until Mickie moved to Heaven on February 22, 2018. The last 5 years in Watertown were a beautiful way to finish their earthly life together.

LeRoy worked his entire life as a mechanic with the ability to fix anything. He was mechanic and parts man for Hartman's Implement in Garden City from 1963 until 1985, when International Harvester merged with Case. LeRoy often gave thanks to lifelong friend Bob Murphy of Clark, SD. Bob was his mentor in the early years and an example of what a good man should be! LeRoy never stopped working and got so much joy in taking broken things and making them like new again. Through the years LeRoy & Mickie ran their own repair shop, "LeRoy's Repair". They enjoyed helping friends and neighbors in the Clark County area. Later he worked for Dakota Style Chips of Clark, McCain Foods of Clark, and various other locations before health challenges caused him to retire.

The greatest Joy in LeRoy's life was his family and helping others. He was quiet, so the love of his life Mickie could take the lead, but was always quick with a one liner at just the right time. He loved to laugh during happy times and wanted to help everyone during the sad. He had hands as tough as steel with a heart of solid gold. His earthly life was happiest when sharing the "good stuff" with his brothers, sister, kids, grandkids, & great grandkids. His happiness is now eternal as he's with Mickie again in our Heavenly Father's Beautiful home.

Greeting him in Heaven are his parents, wife Mickie, brother-in-law Roy Olson, and all the people he helped over the years.

Grateful for sharing his life are children Tom (Patti) Woods, Groton; Jamie (David) Nemmers, Huron; Bill (Colleen) Woods, Raymond, MN; and Peggy (Robert) McAdams, Sioux Falls; 11 grandchildren, Brianna (Zach) Geary, Mariah (Jayde) Graves, Samantha (James) Roepke, Sarah (Dalton) Sichmeller, Davis Nemmers, Emily Woods, Katie Nemmers, Brodie Woods, Noelle Nemmers, Ethan Nemmers and Carysa McAdams; 4 great-grandchildren, Nolan Graves, Zander Geary, Milo Roepke and Talon Sichmeller. He also leaves siblings Dean (Glenda) Woods of Florence, Duane (Linda) Woods and "Annie" Helen Woods all of Watertown and in-laws Nancy Olson of Dassel, MN and Robert (Janel) Clemen of Minneapolis and many nieces and nephews.

