



WHEN I'M GONE

When I come to the end of my journey
And I travel my last weary mile,
Just forget if you can, that I ever frowned
And only remember the smile.
Forget unkind words I have spoken;
Remember some good I have done.
Forget that I ever had heartache
And remember I've had loads of fun.
Forget that I've stumbled and blundered
And sometimes fell by the way.
Remember I have fought some hard battles
And won, ere the close of the day,
But in summer just gather some flowers
And remember the place where I lay,
And come in the shade of evening
When the sun points the sky in the west.
Stand for a few moments beside me
And remember only my best.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

John Francis Tulowetzke

WHO WAS BORN

August 6, 1932

Alban Township, Grant County, South Dakota

AND CALLED TO HIS ETERNAL HOME

October 11, 2019

Milbank, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE

Tuesday, October 22, 2019 -10:30 a.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

Milbank, South Dakota

OFFICIANT

Reverend Timothy Koch

MUSICIAN

Kristy Tostenson, Organist

CASKET BEARERS

South Dakota Military Funeral Honors Team

HONORARY BEARERS

John's Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren

INTERMENT

St. Lawrence Catholic Cemetery

Milbank, South Dakota

APPRECIATION

John's family is grateful for your attendance at this service.
Your expressions of kindness and love are deeply
appreciated. Following the service, please join the family
for lunch and fellowship in the fellowship hall.

ARRANGEMENTS BY

Mundwiler Funeral Home

Milbank, South Dakota

John Francis Tulowetzke was born on August 6, 1932, in Alban Township, SD, to Elmer and Marie (Schuchard) Tulowetzke. He was raised near Milbank.

His first adult job was working at Dakota Granite in Milbank, SD, as a quarryman from 1949 to 1951. On April 28, 1951, he joined the SD National Guard. One year later, he deployed to Korea to participate in the conflict. After his discharge in 1954, he moved his family to Milbank, SD, and returned to Dakota Granite. In 1957, he reenlisted in the US Army and completed 22 years of service in various US bases, Germany, Thailand, and in the Vietnam War. He retired in Colorado Springs, CO, where he had a painting and home maintenance company. He returned to Milbank in 1996.

John was an avid fisherman throughout his life. He fished all over the United States of America and Germany. He would tell you when you got into his boat, "it does not come ashore unless we have our full limit, no less!" On more than one occasion, a son or nephew would have to swim ashore or get into someone else's boat to come ashore. John enjoyed coffee with his friends in town. John recently became a member of Emanuel Lutheran Church. John enjoyed his career in the Army and would relish telling the stories of his service. He was very proud of the fact that his sons, three sons-in-law, a daughter-in-law, many grandsons, and a granddaughter served or are currently serving in the military.

John leaves behind a brother, George of Rapid City, SD; two sisters: Verna Reiners of Sioux Falls, SD; and Donna Kasuske of Milbank, SD; children: Kathy Miller (Mark – Air Force) of Indianapolis, IN; John F. Tulowetzke, Jr. – Army (Sandra Yeatts) of Anniston, AL; and Charles L. Tulowetzke – USMC (Barbara Goluchowski – USMC) of Springfield, VA; son-in-law, Joe Digmann – Army of Alliance, NE; grandchildren: Michael Miller – Air Force (Kim), Audrey Songer (Chad Kelly), Erica Miller – Air Force/Army, Jeramiah Digmann, Jason Digmann – National Guard (Tera), Joshua Digmann -National Guard (Katie), Jared Digmann – National Guard (Ashley), Angela Ray Martin, Patricia Ann Ryals (Johnny), Brenda, Darlene (JD), Christopher Tulowetzke, Stephanie Tulowetzke, Heather Wittrock (Curtis), Bradley Hunter, Christopher Hunter; 15 great-grandchildren, and many cousins and friends who will miss him.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Dale; sister-in-law, Aya; bother-in-law, Duane Reiners; two sons: James and Gary; two daughters: Mary Ann and Rose; one grandson, James; and one great-great-grandson, Brandon.

