

Roger W. Torkelson, 77
Sauk Rapids, MN
Oct. 25, 1939 - Jan. 4, 2017



Roger Wayne Torkelson, age 77, Sauk Rapids, died Jan. 4, 2017, at the St. Cloud Hospital from complications of pulmonary fibrosis.

Funeral services were Jan. 8 at 2 p.m. at Graham United Methodist Church, Rice. Visitation was two hours prior to the service at church on Sunday. Burial was in Graham United Methodist Cemetery, Rice. Funeral arrangements were made by Benson Funeral Home, St. Cloud.

Roger was born Oct. 25, 1939, in Turner County, S.D. to Oscar and Eunice (Anderson) Torkelson. Roger was raised in the St. Cloud area by his mother and stepfather, Eunice and Willard Hartfiel. He graduated from Sauk Rapids High School in 1957. On Aug. 6, 1966, Roger was united in marriage

to Diane Pick at Grace Evangelical United Brethren Church in St. Cloud. He was employed by Landwehr Construction. Roger was a member of Graham United Methodist Church and a member of labor union since 1980. He volunteered at Whitney Senior Center and with the Meals on Wheels Program. Roger enjoyed singing and listening to music, reading, traveling, woodworking, hunting, fishing and watching NASCAR.

Survivors include his wife Diane Torkelson of Sauk Rapids; sons and daughters, Thomas (Cecilia) Torkelson of Denver, Colo.; Michael Torkelson of Starbuck; Kimberly (Jon) Bergstrom of Yorktown, Va.; Tammy (Troy Coleman) Torkelson of St. Cloud; brother, Ronald (Tammie) Hartfiel of Dallas, TX; sister, Elaine (Wayne) Westergren of St. Cloud; and seven grandchildren, Erik, Lukas, Lauren and Kara Bergstrom, Marianna and Josef Coleman, and Florencia Arena.

He was preceded in death by his son, Ryan Stich, mother, father, stepfather, Willard Hartfiel, and grandson Allen Coleman.

In lieu of flowers memorials are preferred.