Arthur Raymond Winden was born August 17, 1929 in Archer, Montana to A. Gilman and Hattie (Hansen) Winden. He attended primary school in Archer, at the age of 12 he moved with his parents to Alexander, North Dakota. He graduated from Alexander High School in 1947. After high school he began working as an electrician's assistant for Fred Roesner.

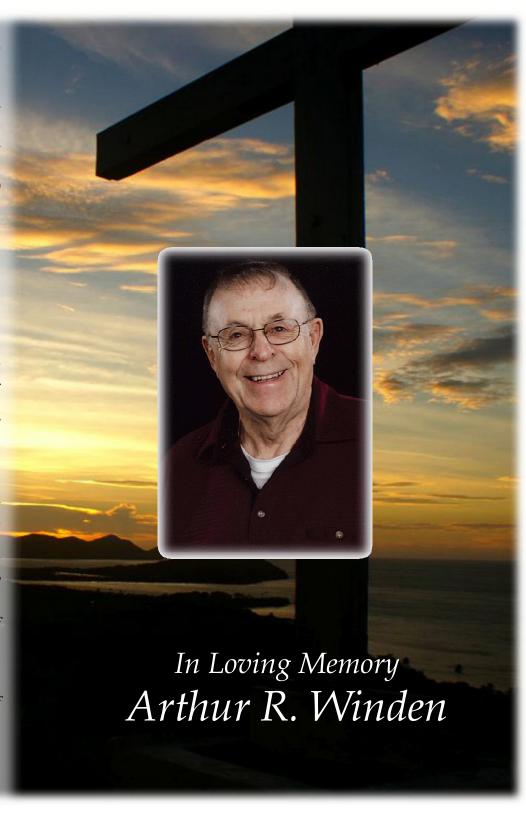
On June 5, 1949 Art was united in marriage to Donna Fjelstad at Trinity Lutheran Church in Alexander. The couple made their home in Alexander where they raised their three children and resided for 50 years. In 1999 the couple retired to Minot, North Dakota where they have resided since.

Art was very well acquainted to the Farm/Ag community of Alexander. He served as manager of the oil company for Farmers Grain & Oil for 31 years. He was a confirmed member of Trinity Lutheran Church and later served as a church council member. He was a member of the Alexander City Council and served as the city's mayor for a time. He is a past member of the Alexander Fire Department where he also served as chief for a time. While in Minot, Art volunteered his time with the Golden K Kiwanis club. Many remember Art humming or singing gospel hymns, his favorite was "How Great Thou ART".

Art was a sports enthusiast his entire life. He especially enjoyed hunting and fishing; later in life he enjoyed bike riding. Many will remember Art cycling all over Alexander in a recumbent bike. He once cycled Going To The Sun Highway in Montana and many scenic locations in Minnesota and North Dakota. He was an 8 time participant in the CanDisc rides in North Dakota. He was a multi-member of the 100 mile club.

He is survived by his wife, Donna of Williston, ND; son, Michael Winden of Littleton, CO; daughters, Nancy Gooch of Edina, MN, and Kim (Tony) Novak of Williston, ND; seven grandchildren, Melissa (Sean) Rahn, Tara (Jack) Hallberg, Alecia Gooch, Eric Winden, Jeff Winden, Kristi (Jasen) Brandner, and Aaron (Deana) Novak; greatgrandchild, Avinell Novak; brothers, Roy (Vivian) Winden of Williston, ND, Harold (Bernie) Fort Benton, MT, David (Trin) Winden of Sun Valley, AZ, Rick (Pat) Winden of Bismarck, ND and Lloyd Winden of Dillon, MT; sisters, Helen Kush of Tacoma, WA and Ethel Henneberg of Modesto, CA; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, John Winden; and sister, Edith Fjelstad.



I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free I'm following the path God has laid you see. 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, to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way
I found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void Then fill it with remembered joys. A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss, O yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow
My life's been full, I 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 hearts and peace to thee-God wanted me now: He set me free...

Author Unknown

In Memory Of Arthur R. Winden

Date And Place Of Birth

August 17, 1929 Archer, Montana

Date And Place of Death

September 4, 2012 Minot, North Dakota

Memorial Service

2:00 PM, Saturday, September 8, 2012 Trinity Lutheran Church Alexander, North Dakota

Officiating

Joel Hernes Janet Mathistad

Musicians

Joel and Sonja Hernes– Duet Julienne Aamodt

Honorary BearersAll of Arthur's Friends & Family

** Lunch will be served immediately following the service in the fellowship hall**



You may share your remembrances and condolences with the family at the Fulkerson Funeral Home website www.fulkersons.com