

**Leo Elyea  
Susan Bye-Elyea**

Leo Elyea and Susan Bye-Elyea both passed away earlier in April 2022, as a result of a car crash in Backus, MN. Prior to their marriage they both had full lives. Leo's career in the Airforce took him around the world. When he retired, he returned to Backus where he had grown up. Susan had taught 33 years at Cooper High School. She was vice president of Robbinsdale Federation of Teachers, and voted "Favorite Teacher" by students for 21 years. After being widowed she spent much of her time in Hackensack and Backus at the lake where she met Leo.

Leo and Sue were together over 30 years and active in the Backus and Hackensack Legion Posts doing parades and poppies among other things, WeFest, fundraising for Cass County 4-H, participating in the county fair, reading, fishing, gardening, golfing, coffee club, entertaining and traveling south for the winter and many great trips to Canada. They had Gopher Football tickets for over 30 yrs. They cared for veterans in area nursing homes, and delivered cookies at Christmas throughout the community for over two decades, one year making 36 different kinds of cookies for the trays.

Celebration of Life on May 22, 2022 at 1:00pm at Church of the Nazarene in Backus. Interment at the Backus Cemetery with military honors, lunch at the Backus Legion. Memorials can be sent to the Backus or Hackensack Legion and will be used to support their passions within the communities.

**Ronald Jones**

Ronald Ray Jones was born November 2, 1940, in St. Louis, MO. Shortly after high school, he served in the U.S. Army, with some of his time spent in Korea.

Ron loved golfing as much as working at golf courses. He liked nothing better than enjoying nature at The Preserve Golf Course where he finished his last season last fall.

Ron was a man who loved many things. He loved seeing new and ancient places. He loved being active and got antsy if he had to sit in one place too long. Ron was the type of man who read for pleasure and never met a stranger. He loved his family and, without a doubt, he deeply loved his wife, Gail.

Ron is survived by his wife of 27 years, Gail; children: Ron "Termite" Jones (Rosa) of Andover, MN, Wahlia Jones Woolley (Don) of Cedar Park, TX, Christine Francis (Tim) of Coram, NY; stepchildren: Brenda Knowles, Brad Knowles, Brandon Knowles (Kara), Lexy Chase; 9 grandchildren; and 1 great grandson.

Ron entered his forever Heavenly home on December 8, 2021, after battling COPD, cancer and Covid. A celebration of Ron's life will be held from 1 to 3 PM on Saturday, May 28, at Kline Funeral Home, Pine River. Private burial will be held at a later date. Please bring your memories of Ron to share with his family.

**Delores "Lorie" McKeever**

Delores "Lorie" Elaine McKeever, 77, Fergus Falls, MN, passed away peacefully on Friday, May 6, 2022 surrounded by her loving family in Watertown, SD. Visitation: 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, May 15, 2022, with prayer service at 3:30 p.m. at Grace United Methodist Church in Fergus Falls. Visitation will resume one hour prior to the funeral service. Funeral Service: 11:00 a.m. Monday, May 16, 2022 at Grace United Methodist Church in Fergus Falls. Interment: 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, May 17, 2022 at Norwood Cemetery, rural Pine River, MN. Online condolences may be sent to [www.olsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.olsonfuneralhome.com)

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