



Raymond Lester Hagberg

November 6, 1930 - January 24, 2022

Raymond (Ray) Hagberg of Roseville, Minnesota joined his Lord and Savior in heaven

on January 24th, 2022. He was born in rural Boyd County, Nebraska in November

1930. He graduated from Spencer High School in 1948, attended Luther College and

Dana College, served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict, and earned master's

degrees from the University of Nebraska, Omaha and Northwestern Seminary, St. Paul,

Minnesota. He and his wife Nellie Faye were married in June 1956. They served as

Lutheran missionaries in Tanzania, East Africa in education and pastoral ministries

where they were involved in building churches, famine relief, and leadership development from 1958 to 1994. They retired to Spencer, Nebraska in 1995.

Ray

served as a supply pastor in North Central Nebraska and Pastor for St. Dysmas

Congregation at Mike Durfee State Prison. He was an active member of Trinity

Lutheran Church in Bristow, Nebraska, American Legion, and the Spencer

Lions Club.

He served on the Spencer Village Council and advocated for the development of the

Spencer Pond. He was a founding member of Highland House Assisted Living Center,

eventually residing there with Nellie Faye until their move in 2016 to EagleCrest Senior

Care Center in Roseville, Minnesota. After his move to Minnesota, he continued to

serve others by volunteering at Bridging and investing in the lives of residents and staff

at EagleCrest. Ray was relational, intentional, and caring for those around him and for

those in need. He lovingly cared for Nellie Faye and his family. He enjoyed woodworking, gardening, fishing, and other outdoor activities. He loved his family and

serving Christ by serving others.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 60 years Nellie Faye (Larsen), parents Ernest

and Hilda (Nelson), brothers Lloyd and Morris, and grandson Simeon. He is survived

by his children Lynnae (Don) Winnes, Rochelle (Paul) Funk, and Vaughan (Aleda), ten

grandchildren and two great grandchildren. He is also survived by his brother Norman

(Joyce), sister-in-law Nola, nieces, and nephews.

Memorial Services will be held at EagleCrest Senior Care Center, 2925 Lincoln Drive,

Roseville, MN 2:00 PM, February 4 and at Trinity Lutheran Church, Bristow, NE 10:30

AM February 7.

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Lynnae, Rochelle and Vaughan,
our thoughts and prayers are with you and your families. But you certainly know that the Lord is at your side. He will comfort you. We'll always remember a wonderful friend of our family, who has helped us for years in so many situations in Tanzania. For all of you it is a time of loss, but your Dad now is closer to God as it finally has been his desire. As he told me just a few days before he has had a wonderful life and he is ready to go now.
Best wishes to all of you, Brigitte and Walter

Walter Voelkner - February 05, 2022 at 12:44 PM

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It is very very sad to read of the passing of Raymond Hagberg more than a year ago. I am travelling in the US from Tanzania and was googling to look him up just to be met by this obituary! Hagberg as we referred to him was such a kind and pleasant missionary responsible for Education in Maasailand in the 1960s. His work and contribution including physical construction of classrooms and teachers' houses. May his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren take solace in the knowledge that Raymond Lester Hagberg was loved and respected. He gave his all and his best for the work of the Lutheran Church especially concerning Education. May his soul rest in peace

judica amri Lawson - April 03, 2023 at 08:24 PM

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Photo of Ray and family taken at our home, the Karatu farm in Tanzania about 1964.

Jerry Carlson - January 31, 2022 at 05:30 PM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Raymond Lester Hagberg.*



January 31, 2022 at 09:06 AM