

**Ray** was born in Mohall, ND Feb. 9, 1961, the fourth child, and the first-born son. He would learn to deal with women at an early age. Ray had many health issues as a child but managed very well with them through a cheerful outlook and perseverance. He moved to Wahpeton to attend vocational school and studied Culinary Arts at the local college. He worked for many years at Wil-Rich and Primewood, and was known for his cheerful attitude and willingness to work on whatever machine they needed that day, along with making the coffee first thing in the morning! He has been asked multiple times to come out of retirement by his old boss.

Described by one brother thus: "A semiprofessional football coach. A mediocre horseshoe player, above average card player, ...but one top notch, professional person. My brother." By one sister: "My fantastic spectacular fabulous, wonderful fun-loving Brother Ray...a bright and shining light... they don't make'em like my brother anymore." Another sister says "He wore his heart on his sleeve, and it was a really big heart". He was held in the highest regard by his family, and he was truly the best of us.

Ray was a favorite uncle to his multitude of nieces and nephews. He was also a favorite nephew of his aunts! But most of all, Ray was a husband and loving stepfather. Ray married Susan Swearingen Roemmich in 2007. They made their home in Wahpeton, ND until they moved to Hankinson, ND in 2020. Ray enjoyed retirement by spending his time going for walks, fishing every nice day, and watching wrestling and his beloved Minnesota Vikings. He was always up for a game of cards, and a lot of fun. He also became a caregiver for his father when needed, for days at a time. He was indispensable to his family.

Ray is survived by his wife, Susan, stepdaughter Peggy Roemmich and fiancé Darren Calderon, and stepson Edmund Roemmich. He was very proud of both of them, as they made good in their adult lives. He is also survived by his mother, Carol Stavem of Minot, sisters Mary Schimmel of Breckenridge, MN, Linda Harshman of Wichita KS, Rose and his "blood brother" Matt Enney of Minot, brothers Dale (Tannis) of Minot, Kurt (Jennifer) of Jamestown, and his aunt Elinor Homann of Minot.

Since we are truly celebrating Ray's style, we ask if you have any Vikings apparel to wear it to the funeral/visitation as Ray would LOVE that. If you don't have any, that's okay, we are collecting some extras and are working to have them available at the door.

**T**he Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me: thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Ray Paul Stavem

1961 - 2023

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.



In Loving Memory

# Ray Paul Stavem

Surely *Jesus* loves  
fishermen for *He* chose  
them for His own, to  
be with Him and  
learn from Him  
and someday share  
*His* home. It must  
have been their  
trust in *God* and  
patience *He* found  
rare, that keeps them  
very near *His* heart  
and ever in *His* care.



## *Born*

February 9, 1961 - Mohall, North Dakota

## *Passed Away*

January 3, 2023 - Fargo, North Dakota

## *Age*

61 Years 10 Months 25 Days

## *Funeral Service*

11:00 AM - Tuesday, January 10, 2023  
Vertin-Munson Funeral Home  
Wahpeton, North Dakota

## *Officiant*

Pastor Jeff Bahr

## *Music*

“This Land Is Your Land”  
“What A Friend We Have In Jesus”  
“Old Rugged Cross”

## *Pallbearers*

Dale Stavem, Kurt Stavem, Jeff Gallaher  
Darren Calderon, Bill Berg

## *Interment at a later date*

Mohall Cemetery - Mohall, North Dakota