Leonard was born on September 11, 1953, in Mayville, ND, to Henry & Marie (Roy) Noel, where he grew up and graduated from Mayville High School in 1972. During high school he met Ruth Kaehler. They tied the knot on December 22, 1973. Leonard & Ruth spent the next 49 years by each other's side.

In his early years, Leonard had a variety of different jobs. He worked with his dad as a meat cutter, a skill he used in the early years of his marriage. They moved to Wahpeton in 1978 where he ran a bread route for 7 years. In 1984, they moved to Fairmount, ND, with their three children. He worked heavy equipment construction, worked for Farmers Union of Southern Valley until 2001, and worked for local farmers. In 2006, he started up Noel Home Improvements with his son, Brent, and continued on his own from 2013 until the fall of '22. Leonard's handiwork will live in the town for years to come in the storage units and car wash building that he put up in 2013.

Throughout his years spent in Fairmount, Leonard served as a volunteer firefighter, a city councilman, and your local contractor. He helped with numerous volunteer projects throughout the community. His kind heart and outstanding carpentry has reached many homes and businesses, while gaining mutual respect with many clients.
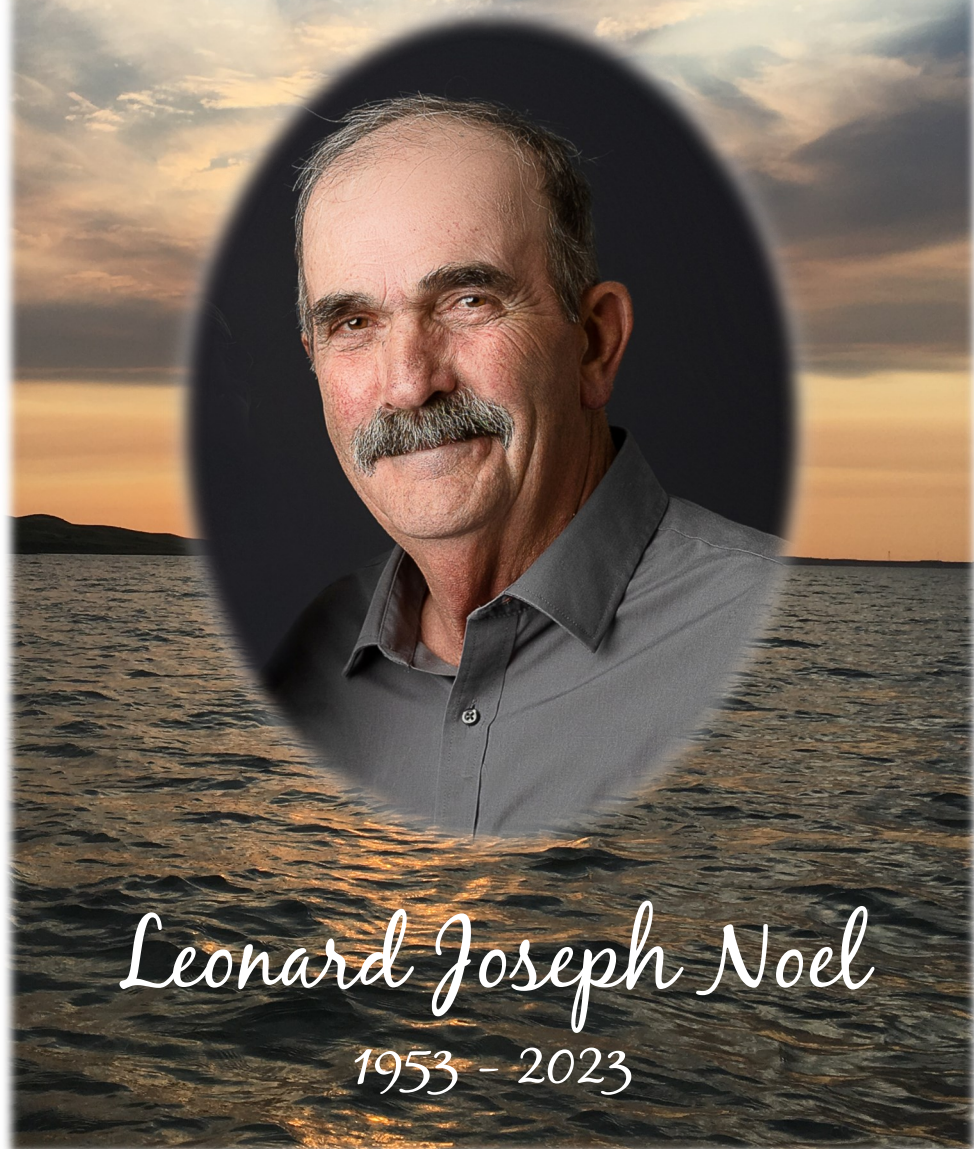
While spending time working in his shop was one of his favorite things, his beloved hobby was fishing. His love for fishing and his family led to a grand 13 years spent on Barrett Lake, MN, almost every weekend. His grandkids, and his own children, will forever cherish memories of fishing, tubing, water skiing, and swimming on the open water with him. The boat & camper will miss the adventures he had planned for 2023.

Leonard loved his family, and instilled solid values and good morals to live on for years to come. His motto to us, "Do it right the first time, so you don't have to go back and do it again." Leonard's integrity, compassion & kindness will live forever in each of his family members.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth Noel, Fairmount, ND; children, Deena (Eric) Andreasen, Abercrombie, ND, Brent (Eve) Noel, Forest, VA, Risa (Kyle) Fryhling, Mobridge, SD; grandchildren, Nathan (Emily), Raeann, Nikita, Thomas, Tanner, Letty, Carson and Reagan; great-grandson, Leonard "Leo"; siblings, Joseph Noel, Jerome (Cory) Noel, Charles (Judy) Noel, Phyllis (Roger) Schwenzfeier, Roger (Rebecca) Noel, and Henry (Judy) Noel; and many, many nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews.

Leonard is preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Marie Noel; in-laws, Mel and Joyce Kaehler, granddaughter, Chelsea Lynn; niece, Cindy Pejsa; brother-in-law, Leroy Kaehler; and sister-in-law, Yvonne Noel.

In Loving
MEMORY

Leonard Joseph Noel

1953 – 2023

What Is A Hero?

There are men in this world we look up to, but not in some big hall of fame, they're down-to-earth dads with everyday lives, but they're men we admire all the same.

They stand up for what they believe in and seek what is lasting and true - they know when they take time to help out a small child, the child will be helping them, too. . .

So maybe our meaning for hero should be redefined once again, for among all these dads we respect and admire are some very real, very great men. Here's to dads everywhere who make this world a better place by being the kind of men they are - Dads exactly like you.

In Loving Memory
Leonard Joseph Noel

Born
September 11, 1953 | Mayville, North Dakota

Passed Away
May 14, 2023 | Fairmount, North Dakota

Age
69 Years | 8 Months | 3 Days

Mass of Christian Burial
11:00 AM | Monday, May 22, 2023
St. Anthony's Church | Fairmount, North Dakota

Officiant
Fr. Scott Sautner

Organist
Mary Jane Pauly

Soloist
Francis "Pinky" Rubish

Readers
Robert Noel | Roy Noel

Mass Servers
Noah Kinn | Elijah Kinn

Gift Carriers
Zoe Kinn | Gracie Kinn

Eucharistic Ministers
Joseph Noel | Christine Clark

Pallbearers
Thomas Noel | John Noel | Roy Noel
David Noel | Ryan Schwenzfeier | Brad Noel

Honorary Pallbearers
Leonard's Grandchildren and All Who Called Him Friend

Interment at a later date
St. Anthony's Cemetery | Fairmount, North Dakota