

Donald Trotter

was born in Dickinson ND on March 26, 1954. He was the second oldest of six kids, born to Lee Stevenson and Katharyn (Kowis) Trotter. He grew up on a beautiful ranch in the badlands just west of Grassy Butte. He attended school at Deer Draw Country School and graduated from Killdeer High school in 1972. Don was a team roper and steer wrestler with the High School rodeo team and went to the national finals. While in high school Don fell for a cute girl from Killdeer and asked her to marry him. On Nov 24, 1973 Don and Vickie Erickson were united in marriage, they had a busy life working and raising their 2 sons, but they always made time for a vacation. They would have celebrated 50 years together this November. Don enjoyed hunting and fishing with his boys down on the ranch and there were plenty of "hunting parties" that included friends and family and cold nights in an old cabin. Don was a fine hunter and brought home many big mounts that he proudly hung in his gas station. Don worked in the oilfield for many years as a Production Maintenance Supervisor in the Little Knife Field. In 2003 Don and Vickie bought the Beicegel Gas Station in Grassy Butte where Don did oil changes and fixed tires for many years. He always had the coffee ready and really enjoyed his days visiting with people from all over the world. He met a lot of people in that tiny gas station and would share his stories about Grassy Butte with them. In his spare time Don was a hunter safety instructor, teaching many children about gun safety. He was a talented gun smith and a great sharp shooter. Don is survived by his wife, Vickie Trotter; son Matthew (Kayla) Trotter Grassy Butte; grandsons, Adam and Andy Trotter Grand Forks, Brennan Schwanzenberger Grassy Butte; sisters, Sharon Unruh Zap, Vicky (Bruce) Brandvik Killdeer, Tami (Dale) Malo Beulah, Diane (Daryl) Berg Killdeer; brother, Joe (Carolyn)Trotter Grassy Butte; brother-in-law, John Erickson Killdeer; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his son, Luke Trotter; parents, Lee and Katharyn Trotter; nephew Mike Malo; brother-in-law, Floyd Unruh; and sister-in-law, Carol Erickson.



*God saw he was getting tired,
And a cure was not to be,
So He put His arms
around him,
And whispered,
"Come with me."
With tearful eyes
we watched him suffer
and saw him fade away.
Although we loved him dearly,
We could not make him stay.
A golden heart
stopped beating,
Hard-working hands to rest;
God broke our hearts
to prove to us
He only takes the best.*



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March 26, 1954 - October 21, 2022



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FUNERAL SERVICE:

Monday, October 24, 2022 1:00 pm

Redeemer Lutheran Church

Grassy Butte, North Dakota

OFFICIATING:

Pastor Michael Wolters

MUSIC:

Kayla Trotter

PALLBEARERS:

Adam Trotter

Andy Trotter

Lynn Trotter

Jesse Trotter

Brennan Schwartzenberger

Austen Dolezal

INTERMENT:

Grassy Butte Cemetery

Grassy Butte, North Dakota

ARRANGEMENTS BY:

Stevenson Funeral Home

Dickinson, North Dakota

*Lunch will be served at the Grassy Butte
Community Hall following the committal.*

Everyone is welcome.

