



IN LOVING MEMORY

LARRY SCHAFER

1947-2024



Larry Schafer, 76, Mandan, passed away September 21, 2024, at a Bismarck hospital with his beloved wife and four sons by his side.

Larry was born November 11, 1947, in Richardton, ND, to John and Magdaline (Geiger) Schafer. In 1963, at age 16, Larry began working at Bill's Super Valu. He eventually became produce manager and retired in 2006. Larry dedicated his life to Bill's Super Valu and that store for 43 years. After retiring from the grocery store, he drove courtesy car for Corwin Churchill. Larry was also proud to have served his country for six years in the North Dakota National Guard.

Generous and giving of his time and committed to his community, Larry was a member and past President of the Mandan Park Board. During his time as president, he had a large influence in building Prairie West Golf Course and the Eagles Park. He was also President of Mandan Amateur Basketball Association, member and President of the Mandan Jaycees, and a member of the Mandan Elks, Knights of Columbus, Mandan Eagles, and a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

Larry was a dedicated father to his four sons which led him to be a member and President of the Mandan Athletic and Recreation (MAR) Club and the original founder of the Mandan Boys Basketball Club. Larry coached youth basketball starting in the early 1970's with St Joseph's and Christ the King and then went on to coach all four of his sons in youth basketball and traveling basketball. He was a huge supporter of Mandan, especially Mandan athletics with boys and girls' basketball, football, wrestling, and baseball. He had "his spot" in the Mandan gymnasium, behind the Mandan bench about 5 rows up.

Larry enjoyed playing basketball, bowling, golf, and slow and fast pitch softball. He was an avid outdoorsman and liked fishing, boating, hunting, and camping. In 1972, he started a Canadian fishing trip to Amisk Lake. He made 47 trips over the years and shared that fishing opportunity with over 90 other people. Larry was also big into hunting geese in Westhope and deer hunting in the Badlands.

Above all, Larry was a proud family man. His wife, children, and grandchildren were his world. He married the love of his life, Connie (Bauer) and they built a beautiful life together, sharing almost 52 years. They loved going on cruises, playing cards, especially Pinochle, and always had fun playing Catchphrase at the Schafer family Christmas. He never missed any of his kids' sporting events. He made sure that every summer they took a family vacation. He loved driving through the mountains, going places from Washington, Yellowstone, to Green Bay. He was a proud share owner and fan of the Green Bay Packers, a passion he shared with his sons. He was also a huge fan of the New York Yankees and Boston Celtics.

Blessed to have shared in his life is his loving wife of nearly 52 years, Connie Schafer of Mandan; four sons, Brian (Pamela) Schafer of Mandan, and their children, Brianna Helbling (special friend, Lars Hegland) & Brookelle Schafer; Brad (Sharyl) Schafer of Mandan, and their children, Taylor (Eric) Krall, John Schafer, & Wyatt Schafer; Brent (Tanya) Schafer of Mandan, and their children, Jaxson Kummer & Beckett Schafer; and Brandon Schafer of Mandan; one brother, Dennis (Jolene) Schafer of Mandan; one sister, Karen (Don) Nuss of Mandan; mother-in-law, Marie Bauer of Mandan; and many nieces & nephews.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents, John & Maggie; father-in-law, Leo Bauer; and sister-in-law, Jolene Bauer.

Parish Rosary & Vigil	Wednesday September 25, 2024 7:00 PM St. Joseph Catholic Church Mandan, ND	Liturgy of the Eucharist
Presider	Deacon Randy Frohlich	Preparation of Gifts Song "Be Not Afraid"
Funeral Liturgy	Thursday September 26, 2024 10:30 AM St. Joseph Catholic Church Mandan, ND	Giftbearers Brianna Helbling Brookelle Schafer Taylor Krall (Honorary) John Schafer Wyatt Schafer
Celebrant	Fr. Josh Waltz	Jaxson Kummer Beckett Schafer
Musicians	Regina McLain & Emily Storick	Eucharistic Prayer
Prelude	"Go Rest High On That Mountain"	Communion Songs "I Am the Bread of Life"
Opening Song	"On Eagle's Wings"	"The Supper of the Lord"
Liturgy of the Word		Communion Mediation "Jesus, Remember Me"
Old Testament Reading	Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9	Final Commendation "Song of Farewell"
Lector	Brianna Helbling	Closing Song "Amazing Grace"
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 23	Casket Bearers
"The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want."		Brian Schafer Brad Schafer Brent Schafer Brandon Schafer John Schafer Wyatt Schafer
New Testament Reading	Revelation 21:1-5a, 6b-7	Honorary Bearers
Lector	Shanon Gerding	Rex McDowall Larry Bauer Alan Erickson Jason Schafer
Gospel Reading	John 12:23-28	Wayne Friesz Brian Dirk Jaden Schafer
Homily		Graveside Service North Dakota Veterans Cemetery Mandan, ND

After the burial, the family invites you for food and fellowship at the Mandan Eagles (basement), 1400 Collins Ave.