

*This poem is to my father, Dave
Whom I envy very much
For all those long days and
Long nights spent building homes,
For his appearance is like a mini
Hulk Hogan,
His dark-tanned skin and bleach-
Blond hair, from working outside
in the sun.*



*His determination to succeed is something
we all very well need.
You were always there to support me in all I do.
Even with your busy life you still find time for me.
You have given me many things in life.
You have given me moral support when needed
And you have also given me courage,
Something most people cannot do.
I hold you close to my heart,
Hoping we will never part.
So I write this for you, my father, Dave;
Someday I hope my son envies me as much
as I envy you.*

~ Ryan Schlinger – September 14, 1999

Dad

*He never said, "I love you," in words I can recall.
He felt it not the manly thing to do.
Yet, deep within my heart I know that love was really there.
His eyes, his touch, the things he did all told me that it's true.
And now it's time to say "Goodbye" to Father and to friend.
Sweet memories remain of him, ones that will not end.*

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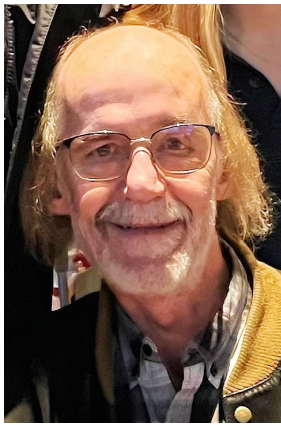
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In Loving Memory of David Schlinger



FISHING WITH GOD

*When I meet my Maker, and pass through those pearly gates.
I'm sure I'll be in awe, at a land so great.
Where vast fields blossom in so many colors, so pure and grand.
Truly I'll know I've entered, The promise land.
Clear lakes of blue shining like, diamonds in the sky.
I'll stare in wonder releasing, A contented sigh.
Walking with God by my side,
He's known all of my flaws; I have nothing to hide.
And yet, His love He's continued to shower me with.
Still in heaven, He continues to give.
With pleasure I cast my line, into the deepest depths.
I'm amazed at yet another of, the promises He's kept.
Within moments, my line grows taut.
I almost laugh in pleasure; at the trophy I've caught.
Heaven is one place, I'll never have to say.
You should have seen the one that got away.*



David “Dave” Anton Schlinger, 68, of Mandan, ND, passed away on January 6, 2022 at Sanford Health in Bismarck ND.

Dave was born on September 14, 1953 in Mandan ND to Joseph and Minnie Schlinger. He grew up on a farm in St. Anthony, ND and graduated from Mandan High School in 1971. Dave was a loyal man to his profession of carpentry/home building and went on to open his own business, Homes Plus, in 1994. Prior to that, Dave worked for Gerhardt Construction and Leingang Construction. Dave retired from 25 years of business in December 2019.

Dave married Elaine Gustin on November 15, 1974 and Dave said that was the best day of his life. Together they raised two sons in Mandan ND.

Dave served his community through 18 years as a volunteer on the Mandan Fire Department. Dave was a member of the Knights of Columbus, Great Planers Trout and Salmon, and Bis-Man Reel and Rec Club.

Dave’s hobbies included fishing, golfing, playing guitar, doing side projects for his family and taking trips to the casino. Dave was also very competitive with his family in playing bags. In the springtime, Dave enjoyed planting the garden, tending to it all season and recently did his own canning. Dave had some of the best green grass in the neighborhood.

Dave was very proud of and loved his sons. He enjoyed attending his grandkids events and activities and took the extra care and concern with gentle nudges to make sure his family was safe and doing well.

Dave is survived by his wife: Elaine Schlinger of Mandan ND; sons: Damian (Jennifer) Schlinger of Bismarck ND, Ryan (Melissa) Schlinger of Waconia MN; 6 Grandkids: Ella and Nicholas Schlinger and Ellie, Jerome, Gwen and Vivica Schlinger; brothers Gerald (Charmain) Schlinger, Ron (Jackie) Schlinger, Roger (Charlene) Schlinger, Joe (Char) Schlinger all of Mandan ND, Donald Schlinger of Waterloo Iowa, and sisters Kathy (Rick) Eckroth of Mandan ND, Charmaine (Kevin) Schroeder and Linda Hilbers both of Bismarck ND; sister-in-law Bernie Warhurst; as well as many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father, mother, and brother Harold Schlinger.

Following the burial the family invites you for lunch and fellowship at the Mandan Eagles Club.

David Schlinger

September 14, 1953 — January 6, 2022

Parish Rosary/Vigil

Thursday, January 13, 2022; 7:00 PM

Weigel Funeral Home

Deacon Bob Wingebach

Presider

Friday, January 14, 2022; 10:30 AM

Funeral Liturgy

St. Joseph Catholic Church

Celebrant

Father Joshua Waltz

Musicians

Angela Schmaltz & Gene Mosbrucker

Prelude

“The Prayer”

Opening Song

“Canon in D”

Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament Reading

Ecclesiastes 3:1-11

Lector

Ellie Schlinger

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 23

“The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.”

Lector

Corey Schlinger

New Testament Reading

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Lector

Ella Schlinger

Gospel Reading

Matthew 11:25-30

Homily

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of Gifts Song

“On Eagles Wings”

Presentation of Gifts

Ella, Nicholas, Ellie, Jerome, Gwen, & Vivica Schlinger

Eucharistic Prayer

Communion Song

“Ave Maria”

Final Commendation

“Song of Farewell”

Closing Song

“Amazing Grace”

Casket Bearers

Gerald Schlinger ~ Ron Schlinger ~ Roger Schlinger ~ Donald Schlinger
Joe Schlinger ~ Kevin Schroeder ~ Nicholas Schlinger ~ Jerome Schlinger

Graveside Service

Mandan Union Cemetery
Mandan, North Dakota