

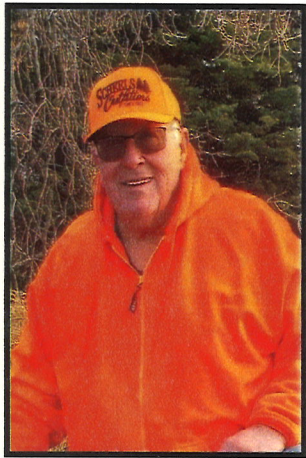


*In
Loving
Memory*

*Leslie D.
Houston*

*November 14, 1951 -
July 26, 2024*





Leslie Duane Houston was born November 14, 1951, in Grafton, ND, to Vernon “Dick” and Marguerite “Marge” (Gladue) Houston. He grew up the Bathgate area and graduated from Neche High School in 1969. He attended Bottineau State School of Forestry from 1969-70. On December 7, 1970, Leslie enlisted in the United States Air Force where he served as an Electrical Intelligence Air Crew Member, flying over 100 missions and close to 2000 flight hours. After his discharge from the Air Force,

he joined his father and brother in the construction business.

On September 6, 1980, Leslie married Delores Unke at the St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, rural St. Thomas, ND. Leslie joined the North Dakota Army National Guard in 1980, where he served for 16 years in the Cavalier unit. He was a platoon sergeant during Desert Storm and retired with 20 years of total military service in 1996.

Leslie was the mayor of Bathgate for some time and was instrumental in obtaining the lots and starting the city park. He often commented on how nice the park is now and about the people that made it what it is today. He was also proud to help the city purchase their firetruck. Leslie also worked at Motorcoach Industries in Pembina, ND, for over 22 years, retiring in 2014.

Leslie was a lifelong New York Yankees fan, and also enjoyed carpentry, hunting, fishing, and archery. He was especially proud of his once in a lifetime moose hunting experience.

He is survived by his wife, Delores; daughter, Stefanie Lyn (Ryan) Klapperich, Grand Forks, ND; son, Steven Houston, Bathgate, ND; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and brother, Rick Houston.

Leslie D. Houston, 72, of Bathgate, ND, passed away Friday, July 26, 2024, at the Pembina County Memorial Hospital, Cavalier, ND.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Thursday, August 1, 2024 - 2:00 p.m.

Bathgate Presbyterian Church

Bathgate, North Dakota

CLERGY

Rev. Charles Olmstead

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

“How Great Thou Art”

“Amazing Grace”

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

Jan Morrison, Accompanist

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

All of Leslie’s Family and Friends

MILITARY RITES

North Dakota National Guard Funeral Honors