

# *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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In Loving Memory of  
**John Ressler**





**John Thomas Ressler**, 81, Mandan, passed away May 14, 2023, at Sunset Drive Care Center with his family by his side.

John was born April 20, 1942, to Nick and Monica (Eckroth) Ressler in Mandan. He married the love of his life, Paulette Cermak, on July 10, 1965. They were blessed with two children, Johnnie and Jessie.

John graduated from Mandan High School in 1962. He worked for Barney's Standard, L&H Manufacturing, the State of ND License Dept., and finally retired as custodian at Custer Elementary School.

He was always on the go in his favorite trucks, better known as "Old Orange" and "Old White." John enjoyed woodworking, vegetable gardening, rototilling for friends, thrifting at rummage & toy sales, working in his shop, and helping others in the community. John loved the outdoors and took countless camping and fishing trips with his family. He was a great cook and you could often find him in his kitchen or at the BBQ. Poker parties, bingo, pull tabs and casino runs were some of Paulette and his favorites. His house was the go-to house for Halloween. Hundreds of plastic pumpkins lined the yard, deck, and roof top. He participated in many sports in school and into his adult life. John enjoyed watching all sports on TV, including football, basketball, and baseball, his favorite being the NY Yankees.... GO YANKEES. Later in life, he got to enjoy watching his kids and grandkids compete in sports as well. Family was most important to John and he beamed when talking about his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

John and Paulette's home was always open to family and friends. From outdoor family picnics, to super bowl parties, to playing "spoons" or other card games - everyone was welcome. John always made sure the red beer was flowing.

His final home was Sunset Drive Care Center in Mandan. John and Paulette met many new friends that quickly turned into family. His daily milkshake from Paulette was something he looked forward to everyday. Huge shout out to his AMAZING caregivers. We would like to express our sincere appreciation for the love, care, and kindness John received.

John is survived by his wife of 57 years, Paulette; son, Johnnie Ressler; and daughter, Jessie (Matt) Schafer; granddaughter, Kendra (Thomas) Vander Wal; grandson Payton Schafer; and great grandchildren, Ben and Halley Vander Wal; brothers, Clarence Ressler and Nick (Nadine) Ressler; sisters, Kathleen John and Adeline Castleberry; and sisters-in-law, Cheryl Ressler and Colleen Ressler.

John was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Edward (Violet), Christ (Agnes), Paul, and Joe who passed away just three days after John, on May 17, 2023; and sisters, Dorothy (Frank) Hellman, Ida (Jack) Bohl, and infant sister, Mary Ann.

***Following the burial, the family invites you for lunch and fellowship at the Agnes Larkin Parish Life Center.***

# John Ressler

April 20, 1942 — May 14, 2023

**Parish Rosary/Vigil**

**Thursday, May 18, 2023; 6:00 PM**

**Weigel Funeral Home**

**Fr. Fred Harvey**

**Presider**

**Funeral Liturgy**

**Friday, May 19, 2023; 12:00 PM**

**Christ the King Catholic Church**

**Fr. Fred Harvey**

**Celebrant**

**Musicians**

**Alice Gerhardt & Vance Krebs**

Processional

*"Amazing Grace"*

## Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9

Lector

Kendra Vander Wal

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 23

***"The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want."***

New Testament Reading

Romans 6:3-4, 8-9

Lector

Thomas Vander Wal

Gospel Reading

John 14:1-6

Homily

## Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of Gifts Song

*"Peace Is Flowing Like A River"*

Presentation of Gifts

Eucharistic Prayer

Communion Song

*"Hail Mary, Gentle Woman"*

Communion Meditation

Final Commendation

*"Song Of Farewell"*

Closing Song

*"On Eagle's Wings"*

## Pallbearers

Payton Schafer ~ Nicole Hutslar ~ Roy Ressler ~ Adam Ressler

Darby Ressler ~ Dan Ressler ~ Paul Graham ~ Bobbie Rous

## Honorary Pallbearers

Ben Vander Wal ~ Halley Vander Wal

**Graveside Service**

**Mandan Union Cemetery**

Mandan, North Dakota