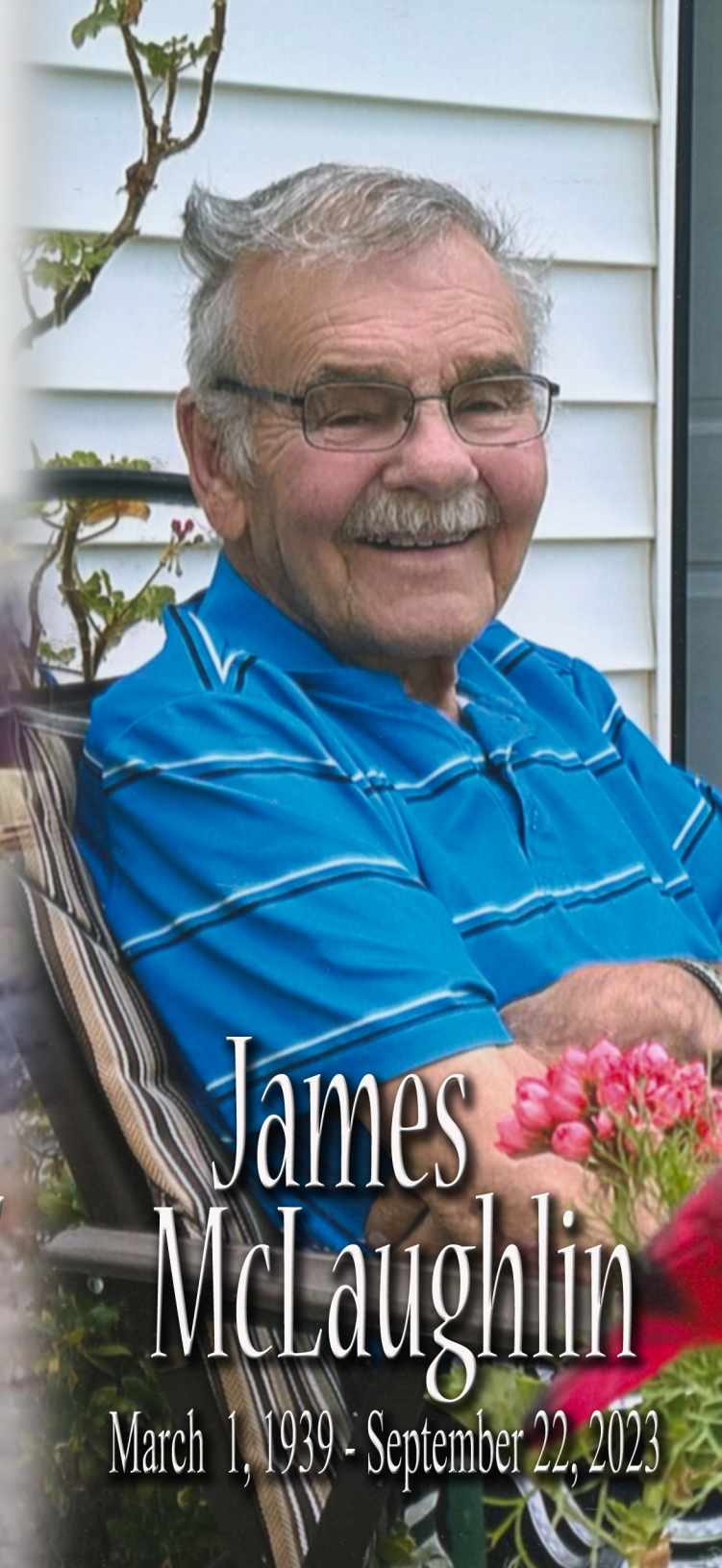
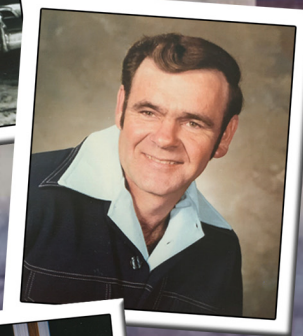


James "Jim" McLaughlin was born March 1, 1939 at the Hazen Hospital in Hazen, North Dakota. He was the son of Joseph and Alvina (Hein) McLaughlin. Jim graduated from Hazen High School in May of 1956. On June 5, 1961, Jim married Patricia "Pat" Fiest in Beulah. A loving marriage that would last 62 years. They moved to Dickinson in 1964, where they raised their five children. Jim worked for Northern Improvement Construction Company for over 40 years. His hard work ethic and dedication allowed him to become a Superintendent (Foreman) for the last 15 years of his career. Jim joined the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 49, in 1968. He was an active Union Steward. He served on the North Dakota AFL-CIO executive board for many years. He will always be remembered as a proud 49er. Jim was a lifelong member of the Democratic Party. He served on the Labor Caucus and was delegate to numerous state conventions. Jim always loved a good political debate. You could always find Jim in his chair reading books related to U.S. History, Politics and the Labor Movement. He was a big fan of baseball, supporting all levels, from high school to the Big Sticks. Jim will always be remembered as an advocate for workers' rights. He installed a legacy of political activism for human rights in his children. He was a true humanitarian. He was deeply devoted to his family and his faith. Jim is survived by his wife; Patricia "Pat" McLaughlin; children, Debra (Tony) Haman of Twin Falls, ID., Doug (Denise) McLaughlin of Boise, ID., Wilson (Tammy) McLaughlin of Dickinson, Terasa (Michael) Robinson of Mt. Vernon, WA., Tamarae McLaughlin of Washington D.C.; six

grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; sister, Geraldine Pavlicek of Dickinson; sister-in-law, Marceal McLaughlin of Hazen, ND; and numerous nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Alvina McLaughlin; brothers, Joseph and Thomas McLaughlin; sisters, Shirley Ann McLaughlin and Kathleen (McLaughlin) Beck; sister-in-law, Vesta McLaughlin; brothers-in-law, Don Pavlicek and Harold Beck; and mother-in-law, Barbara Fiest.



# James McLaughlin

March 1, 1939 - September 22, 2023



## FOOTPRINTS

One night I had a dream. I was walking along the beach with the Lord, and across the skies flashed scenes from my life. In each scene I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand. One was mine, and one was the Lord's.

When the last scene of my life appeared before me, I looked back at the footprints in the sand, and, to my surprise, I noticed that many times along the path of my life there was only one set of footprints. And I noticed that it was the lowest and saddest time in my life.

I asked the Lord about it:

"Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you, you would walk with me all the way.

But I noticed that during the most trouble-some times in my life there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why you left my side when I needed you the most." The Lord

replied: "My precious child, I never left you during your time of trial and suffering. Where you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."



# James McLaughlin

## FUNERAL MASS

Thursday, September 28, 2023 10:00 am  
St. Patrick's Catholic Church  
Dickinson, North Dakota

## ROSARY AND VIGIL

Wednesday, September 27, 2023 12:00 pm  
Stevenson Funeral Home  
Dickinson, North Dakota  
Deacon Leonard Krebs

## CELEBRATING

Monsignor Thomas Richter

## MUSIC

Sandy Tibor

## READERS

Karen Fiest                      Marlene Schnaidt  
Tracy Pavlicek

## GIFTBEARERS

Marceal McLaughlin              Wendy Bender  
Bella McLaughlin              Brooke McLaughlin

## URNBEARERS

Tracy Backus                      Jamie Backus

## HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Jim Pavlicek                      Scott Beck  
Chad Tysver                      Lee McLaughlin  
Casey McLaughlin

## INTERMENT

St. Patrick's Cemetery  
Dickinson, North Dakota

## ARRANGEMENTS BY

Stevenson Funeral Home  
Dickinson, North Dakota

*Lunch will be served at Stevenson Funeral Home following the committal.*

*Everyone is welcome.*