



*You never said "I'm leaving",
You never said goodbye,
You were gone before we knew it,
And only God knew why.
A million times we needed you,
A million times we cried,
If love alone could have saved you,
You never would have died.
In Life we loved you dearly,
In death we love you still,
In our hearts you hold a place,
That no one could ever fill.
It broke our hearts to lose you,
But you didn't go alone.
For part of us went with you,
The day God took you home.*

A Gentle Man

*A quiet and gentle man went to his home today.
A home the Lord has prepared from which he'll never stray.
He leaves behind the human pain and trades it for a crown,
As he beholds God's glory and happiness is found.
He is done with Earthly chores and rests with God above,
As he's raised his family with gentleness and love.*

*For they learned how they should live
through his kindly deeds-
Raising them in our Lord's way and tending to their needs.*

*A friend to all, foe to none- he'd greet them with a grin.
Treating them like family, they all were welcomed in.*

*Now his earthly time is past, he's done with all his tests.
He's born all the trials and now deserves his rest.*

*He's in his eternal home that he was working toward,
As he greets our Savior and received his just reward.*

*A place where all the memories will never fade away,
And new ones are created on each and every day:*

*And so, Lord, watch over him eternally, we pray,
For a very gentle man came to your home to stay.*

In Loving Memory



Donald Murray

April 1, 1955 ~ April 17, 2023



Donald Wayne Murray was born April 1, 1955, to Robert and Frances (McEwen) Murray in Altona, Manitoba.

Donny was proud of his dual citizenship. Donny attended and graduated from Hamilton High School in 1973. He furthered his education at NDSCS studying to be a mechanic. Donny often spoke about at an early age how he would work for area farmers. He like his dad could fix or operate any equipment of any kind, which he passed on to his son Joe. He had a passion for the land and what it could produce. Donny attended the Cavalier Baptist Church.

In June of 1976 Donny married Kathryn Sargent. Donny adopted Angel and Jason, and together they had Joseph Robert in May 1977.

On February 14, 2009, Donny married Michelle Hardy. This past year they celebrated their golden anniversary, 14 years on the 14th.

Donny worked for and managed Murray Bean Plant and other bean plants in different areas. He then worked for Hamilton Systems for 17 years, retiring in 2021. Donny spent his retirement working with Joe in the cattle, farming, and enjoying time with family.

Fishing with Joe and the grandkids on Father's Day, or with Diane and Ron in the boat or on the ice was something Donny enjoyed so very much.

Survivors include his wife, Michelle; son, Joe (Steph); daughter, Angel; grandchildren: Lexi (Cody), Joey, Devi, Jaxon, Dylan, and Brooklyn; sisters: Kathy (Bruce) Redanbaugh, Diane (Ron) Schillinger, Judy (Jim) Maurer, and Patty (Mike) Ahern; brother and sisters-in-law: Gary (Faye) Hardy, Joe (Norine) Hardy, John (Becky) Hardy, Todd Hardy, Brenda (Bob) Mitzel, and Rita (Brian) Visser, and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his parents; son, Jason; grandparents, and mother and father-in-law. Don Murray, 68, of Cavalier, ND, passed away Monday, April 17, 2023, at his home in rural Cavalier.



FUNERAL SERVICE

Saturday, April 22, 2022 - 10:30 a.m.
Cavalier Baptist Church
Cavalier, North Dakota

CLERGY

Pastor Mark Thacker
Pastor Kelly Hart

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

"Amazing Grace"

SPECIAL MUSIC

"In the Garden"
Linda Werven, Soloist
Becky Ratchenski, Accompanist

CD Selections

"Jealous of the Angels"
"On Eagle's Wings"

CASKET BEARERS

Keith Hart Kelly Hart Kyle Schoenheit
Brett Hardy Lexi Murray Joey Murray
Devi Murray Isaiah Lopez

INTERMENT

Hamilton Cemetery
Hamilton, North Dakota