

 **Obituaries**

**Robert “Bob” Obert**



*May 1, 1935-Oct. 9, 2025*

Robert “Bob” Obert, 90, of Stanley, North Dakota, passed away peacefully on Thursday, October 9, 2025, at Edgewood Vista Assisted living in Minot, North Dakota.

Robert Wayne Obert, known to most as “Bob or Bobby”, was born in Crosby, North Dakota on May 1, 1935, to Donald and Bertha Obert. He was their only child and grew up in Powers Lake, North Dakota, where he became a beloved figure in the community, lifelong car enthusiast and a star on the basketball court.

After graduating, Bob served with the US Army at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. Bob’s career began in the automotive world, where his lifelong passion for cars took center stage. In the early 1960’s, he owned Oberts Automart in Powers Lake, selling used cars, and Yamaha and Honda motorcycles. Later he moved on to become District Manager for Yamaha in Washington, North Dakota and Montana. In 1975, he founded Oberts Town and Country Motors in Stanley, North Dakota until 1989. His enthusiasm for cars, especially his favorite, the 1951 Mercury was contagious. Cars were not only his business but his passion! He loved driving them, selling them, and especially making “the deal”.

Bob was married to Kay Swedlund of Velve, North Dakota from 1955 to 1988. They raised four children: Perry, Marshall, Kimberly and Camille. He was a proud grandfather to Clay, Charlie, Kaylyn and Lily, and great-grandfather to Oliver. He was also a beloved “Grand-Dog Dad” to his many grand-pups who brought him endless joy and laughter.

Bob was raised in the Catholic faith and carried those roots with him throughout his life. His faith along with his love for family and friends provided touchstones of strength, tradition and belonging.

Known for his larger-than-life personality, Bob could spark up a conversation with anyone. He loved music especially The Lettermen, Donna Summer, Frank Sinatra and Michael Jackson and had a flair for art, flashy jewelry and great hats.

Bob married Lupe Holte in 2008 with whom he shared companionship until her passing in 2024.

Bob will be remembered as a very funny, generous and loyal person who built solid relationships throughout his life. As one of his favorite Frank Sinatra songs put it,

“he faced it all, and he stood tall and did it his way.”

He is survived by his children, Perry (Jodi) Obert, Marshall Obert, Kimberly (Iakovos) Tsoukalas, and Camille (Walter) Goralski; grandchildren, Clay, Charlie, Kaylyn and Lily; great-grandchild, Oliver; as well as many lifelong friends.

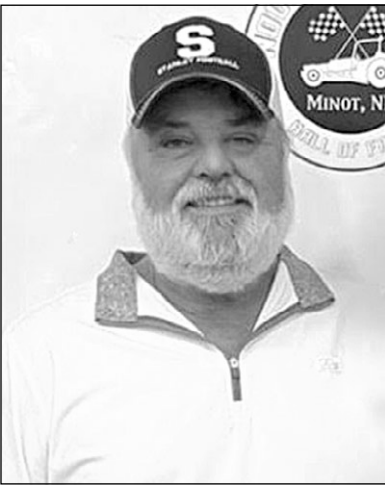
Bob was preceded in death by his parents, Donald and Bertha; and Kay and Lupe Obert.

There will be a public visitation held at the Springan Stevenson Funeral Home from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Friday, November 7, 2025, with a family service and rosary vigil to follow and begin at 6:00 p.m. Robert’s funeral mass will be held on Saturday, November 8, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at the Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Stanley, ND. Father Jason Signalness will officiate.

The funeral service will be recorded and uploaded, you can view Robert’s service directly on his obituary page on the website [www.springanstevenson.com](http://www.springanstevenson.com).

Springan Stevenson Funeral Home of Stanley have been entrusted with arrangements and services. Friends may sign the on-line register and give their condolences at [www.springanstevenson.com](http://www.springanstevenson.com).

**Darol “Kirk” Johnson**



*July 13, 1963-Oct. 23, 2025*

Darol “Kirk” Johnson, 62, of Stanley, North Dakota, lost a hard-fought battle against an aggressive illness and passed away on Thursday, October 23, 2025, at the Trinity Hospital in Minot, North Dakota.

(Darol) Kirk Johnson was born in Kenmare, North Dakota on July 13th, 1963, to Darol and Corrine Johnson. Kirk attended and graduated from Stanley High School in 1981. He then enrolled in an auto body tech program in Minot, North Dakota. Kirk started his oilfield career early in life working as his dad’s welding helper. He continued working in the oilfield, spending many years working for Hess Corporation. Over the past few years in his retirement, he was able to enjoy spending time with family and friends, attending Ashton’s sporting events, camping at Van Hook, attending the ND State Fair, buying and selling classic cars and trucks, and following the Chicago Cubs and LA Lakers.

Nothing was more important to Kirk than his beautiful daughters, Lacey and Mackenzie, and grandchildren, Ashton, Hunter and Valley. He loved attending Ashton’s

football and basketball games. Kirk was so proud of recently becoming a grandfather to twins!

Kirk’s humor, funny stories, and caring heart will be missed by so many. He made sure his friends and family watched his favorite movies and shows (more than once) and anytime he was together with his nephew they would quote “The Big Lebowski” word for word. Some of his other favorites also included the Shameless and Yellowstone Series, Trailer Park Boys, National Lampoon’s Christmas Vacation, and Christmas Story. His favorite saying instead of “Merry Christmas” was “you’ll shoot your eye out.”

Kirk was an avid Chicago Cubs and LA Lakers fan. His hobby of buying and selling sports memorabilia blessed him by meeting many new friends. Kirk’s passion for the Cubs was like no other. His go to dress up clothing item would be his Cubs jersey.

Kirk enjoyed his summers at Van Hook camping, surrounded by many close Stanley friends. He enjoyed driving his side by side around to visit his many lake friends. Kirk missed driving around with his favorite buddy, Brad Borud. Kirk and Brad are cruising in Heaven now.

He loved lutefish, which family didn’t really appreciate during the holidays, but always made sure Kirk had his lutefish. He also loved his mom’s meatballs, mashed potatoes and gravy. Over the past year, Kirk was blessed with a loving companion, Renae, who was able to introduce him to food from different cultures, and to his surprise, he enjoyed the experience.

In the past few years, Kirk enjoyed his time with the Stanley Lions, especially the home cooked meals that were served at the meetings. He was also a member of the Stanley City Council, a Mountrail County Job Development Authority board member, and was on the Planning and Zoning Committee.

Kirk will be missed every day by his daughters, Lacey Johnson (Colton Anklam), Bismarck, ND, and Mackenzie Johnson (Matt Herbst), Williston, ND; grandchildren, Ashton Peterson, Stanley, ND; Valley and Hunter Herbst, Williston, ND; mother, Corrine Johnson, Minot, ND; significant companion, Renae Knaus, Minot, ND; sister, Bonnie Schriock (Max), Garrison, ND; brother, Michael Johnson (Cathy), Sidney, MT; niece, Alexis Schriock, Minot, ND; nephews, Zachary Schriock (Tiffany), Kristopher Schriock, Kerry Schriock (Amber), Minot, ND; Jason Johnson (Tabitha), Josh Johnson (Alyssa), Federal Way, WA.

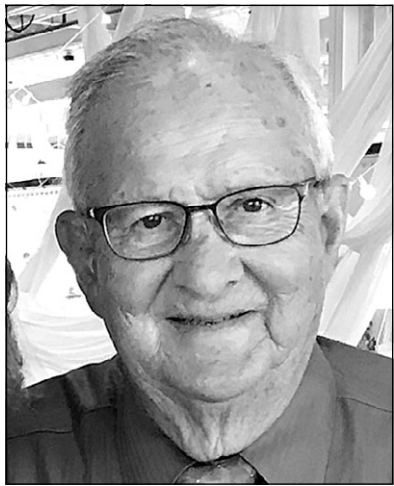
Kirk was proceeded in death by his daughter, Mara Johnson; father, Darol Johnson; grandparents, Emil and Emma Weidner and Roy and Esther Johnson; and his beloved pet, Daze.

Kirk’s funeral service will be held on Wednesday, October 29, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at the American Lutheran Church in Stanley, ND. Katie Harwood will officiate. Kirk will be laid to rest at the Fairview Cemetery in Stanley, ND.

The funeral service will be recorded and uploaded, you can view Kirk’s service directly on his obituary page on the website [www.springanstevenson.com](http://www.springanstevenson.com).

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**Lowell C. Van Berkom**



Lowell C. Van Berkom, 89, of Lino Lakes, MN, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on Friday, October 24, 2025.

Lowell graduated in 1954 from North Dakota State University with a degree in pharmacy. After managing Frank’s Pharmacy in Powers Lake, ND, he purchased the store which tragically burned down in 1964. He then went back to graduate school at NDSU graduating with a master’s degree in toxicology in 1968. Lowell was hired by the State of Minnesota BCA Forensic Science Laboratory as a toxicologist where he started the breath alcohol program. He retired as the Director of the BCA Laboratory in 1998. In his retirement, he worked as a consultant in forensic toxicology.

Lowell married his long-time sweetheart, Leanne, in 1961. Together, they enjoyed raising a family of five wonderful children. Lowell and Leanne travelled the world together. Their favorite things were their annual trips to Cancun and summers at Pelican Lake with family and friends.

Lowell is preceded in death by his daughter, Beth Zeilinger; parents, John and Esther; mother and father-in-law, Alvin and Beatrice Holmen; siblings, Adonna (Roy), Darlene (Daren), Yvonne (Ralph), Lupe (Bob), and Roger; brothers-in-law, Alvin “Bub” (Jeraldine), Raymond, and Richard.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Leanne; children, Jonathan (Susan), Michael (Lesley), Craig (Anne), and Christy (Bret) Partington; grandchildren, Adam, Ryan (Elizabeth), Anna (Jordan), Rachel (Daniel), Jenna (Joseph), Brady, Megan, Emma, Thomas, and Archie (Abby); several great-grandchildren; sister, Barbara; sisters-in-law, Eunice and Linda; son-in-law, Bruce; many nieces, nephews, other

relatives and friends.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, November 2, 2025, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Bradshaw, 4600 Greenhaven Dr., White Bear, MN. Celebration of life will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, November 3, 2025, at Incarnation Lutheran Church, 4880 Hodgson Rd, Shoreview, MN, with visitation beginning one hour prior. Interment will be held at Incarnation Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to the Alzheimer’s Association.

Bradshaw Funeral Homes of White Bear, MN has been entrusted with arrangements. Send condolences to BradshawFuneral.com.

**Put The Phone Away Or Pay Enforcement Results In 665 Citations**

Law enforcement agencies across North Dakota issued 665 citations during the September Put the Phone Away or Pay distracted driving enforcement campaign.

Of the citations, 367 were issued for distracted driving. Additional citations included 112 for speeding, 79 for other traffic citations (such as disobeying traffic signals and equipment violations), 35 for failure to wear a seat belt and twelve for driving with a suspended/revoked license. There were also two arrests for driving under the influence and two drug-related arrests.

High visibility enforcement uses

**Jacqueline Wilcox**

*Sept. 25, 1944-Oct. 19, 2025*

Dr. Jacqueline Wilcox, 81, Parshall, passed away Sunday, October 19, 2025, at a Minot nursing home.

Funeral was held Tuesday, October 28, 2025, at First Lutheran Church, Plaza. Interment was held at Parshall Cemetery, Parshall.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to Foundation for Fighting Blindness, Alzheimer’s Association, or the Boys and Girls Club of Parshall. Visit [www.langhansfuneralhome.com](http://www.langhansfuneralhome.com) to share memories or sign the online guestbook.

(Langhans Funeral Home, Parshall)

**North Dakotans Invited To Kick Off America’s 250th Anniversary**

The ND250 Commission invites all North Dakotans to participate in the state’s official commemoration and celebration of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The ND250 Kickoff Celebration is Sunday, November 2, from 1 to 4 p.m. CT at the North Dakota Heritage Center and State Museum in Bismarck.

The free public event is being held November 2 to coincide with North Dakota Statehood Day, marking the anniversary of the state’s admission to the Union in 1889. It also launches North Dakota’s efforts to honor its role in America’s history through storytelling, culture, community, and service.

“This is a celebration for every North Dakotan,” said Bill Peterson, State Historical Society of North Dakota director and ND250 Commission chair. “From the music and performances to the educational activities, the ND250 Kickoff is the start of a movement to reflect on where we’ve come from and how we’ll shape our future.”

The day activities will allow guests to enjoy music, education, and history throughout the museum and in the auditorium.

Guests can enjoy a lively afternoon of music, performances, children’s activities, and community ex-

hibits throughout the North Dakota Heritage Center and State Museum. Refreshments, including cupcakes, cookies, coffee, and juice, will be available throughout the event. Continuous showings of ‘Our Heritage’ videos will play in the Great Plains Theater, and an American Revolution documentary will be shown hourly in Lecture Room B. Highlights include performances by the North Dakota National Guard Quintet, St. Mary’s Central High School Wind Orchestra of Bismarck, and State Troubadour Chuck Suchy, along with special appearances by Theodore Roosevelt reenactor John Dobmeier and former Governor Jack Dalrymple, author of Oliver Dalrymple and His Bonanza Farm and Brig. Gen. Mitch Johnson, North Dakota National Guard adjutant general.

The museum will also feature interactive booths and exhibits hosted by community organizations, state organizations, and military representatives, as well as children’s activities including face painting, patriotic crafts and visits from the Bismarck Larks mascots.

The ND250 Kickoff Celebration is designed for all ages, an afternoon to learn, connect and celebrate together as North Dakota launches its journey toward America’s 250th anniversary.

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