

# Obituaries



## Milton Bachmeier

July 21, 1936 - April 28, 2025

Milton Ralph Bachmeier passed away peacefully in his sleep on April 28, 2025, at the age of 88, after a battle with multiple myeloma. The man who raised a family on a small piece of land overlooking Anamoose, North Dakota, spent his final years with family in Wichita Falls, Texas.

Born on July 21, 1936, in Rugby, ND, Milton was the youngest of six children to John and Margaret (Geisinger) Bachmeier. He grew up in a time when resilience and resourcefulness were necessities, and he embodied both. Though shaped by the hardships of his era, Milton remained humble, soft-spoken, kind-hearted and devoted to his family.

After a youth spent working hard and perhaps getting into a bit of mischief, Milton served in the U.S. Army in the 1950s, including a deployment in Korea. Following his service, he worked various jobs in Oregon, Montana and North Dakota, learning auto-body skills at Fischer Motors in Minot. In his early 30's, he began his own business, Mil's Body Shop, just outside of Anamoose. Needing more security for his young family, he moved on to work at Genuine Parts in Harvey until starting with the Soo-Line Railroad, where he remained a dedicated employee until his retirement from CP Rail in 2001.

Milton married the love of his life, Dorothy Pfeifer, on October 13, 1967. A hunter in his younger years, Milton would say he gave it up once he met Dorothy, because "I got my dear." As Milton and Dorothy grew their family, they needed more room. Without any background in carpentry and limited resources, Milton tore down a neighboring barn and used the lumber to add on to their home and double it in size. In that home, built over many years as finances allowed, he and Dorothy raised seven children and built a life rooted in faith, love, and simple joys.

A steadfast provider, Milton would go from taking his camper for a week at a time to mow along the rails, to answering railway maintenance calls in the middle of the night during the coldest winters. He balanced his work on the railroad with tending a small subsistence farm

at home. His children grew up with milk from goats, eggs from chickens, and a menagerie of pets. Milt was an innovative handyman, and spent a lot of time in his garage, building, inventing, and fixing. His auto repair skills kept a fleet of pre-1980 Dodge vehicles running for the whole family.

Milton enjoyed sitting court-side at local basketball games, program rolled in hand. He also appreciated visiting with friends and family over coffee. He was a good listener with an easy smile and a remarkable memory for family history and stories from the past. He and Dorothy would sing songs and speak with each other in German, helpful for conversations they didn't want the kids to understand. Milt also enjoyed watching his beloved Minnesota Vikings and would let his kids know, with a smile, that "you make a better door than a window," if they were blocking his view.

Milton was a regular altar server as a boy and faithfully attended the Catholic churches in Anamoose and Drake throughout his life. If you sat next to him and listened very closely, you might hear him softly whisper, "My Lord and My God" during the Consecration, signifying a humble faith that was not at all performative, but rooted in his heart.

Milton's strength was quiet but unwavering, and his love for family was most evident at moments of celebration and parting—graduations, goodbyes, and the laughter of grandchildren.

Milton is survived by his beloved wife, Dorothy, and their children: Brenda, Brian, Brad (Sue), Bruce (Susan), Beverly (Jeremy) Sautner, Bernadine, and Barbra. He is also remembered lovingly by his grandchildren: Dayton, Mackenna, Addison, Bergen, Clay, Jason, Alivia, Kyler, Anna, and Phoebe, and great-grandchild, Kazimir. He is survived by his sister, Dorothy Hannon of Albany, OR.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Margaret, and siblings John, Benjie, Frances Gilbert and Rose Cecelia Murray.

Services will be held at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Anamoose. Visitation will be held on Friday, May 9th from 5:00 - 7:00 PM. Rosary and Vigil Service will follow. The Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:30 AM, Saturday, May 10th. Burial will take place at St. Margaret Mary Cemetery in Drake following the Funeral luncheon.

Arrangements are with the Bethke-Nelson Funeral Home of Drake, ND.

Online condolences may be left at [www.nelsonfuneralhomesnd.com](http://www.nelsonfuneralhomesnd.com).



## Eugene Ripplinger

April 23, 1934 - December 10, 2024

Eugene Ripplinger, 90, of Mesa, AZ, formerly of McClusky, ND died Tuesday, December 10, 2024 at the Sky Vista Care Center. Memorial services will be held at the Holy Family Catholic Church of McClusky on Friday, May 30, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. Interment will be in the McClusky City Cemetery. Arrangements are with Hertz Funeral Home of McClusky.

Eugene was born in Esmond, ND on April 23rd, 1934 and passed on December 10, 2024 at Sky Vista Memory Care in Mesa, AZ. He attended Harvey High School, then worked in California for two years. Returning to North Dakota, he met and married Marlene

Dockter from Lincoln Valley on September 29, 1955. They farmed in the Harvey area and moved to McClusky in 1962 where they raised their four children. Eugene was active in the McClusky community serving on several boards including his church, Holy Family Catholic Church.

Upon retiring from farming he enjoyed restoring classic tractors, spending time with his children and grandchildren, music and visiting with friends in both North Dakota and in Apache Junction, AZ where they spent their winters.

Eugene is survived by his loving wife, Marlene, four children and their spouses, Vickie (Hilmer) Hintz, Dean (Kim) Ripplinger, Pamela (Kim) Gillund, Kevin (Tammy) Ripplinger, twelve grandchildren, fourteen great grandchildren, and one brother, LeRoy.

He was preceded in death by parents, John and Cecelia Ripplinger, four brothers and one sister.

Marlene was the love of his life for over 69 years.

Memorials may be made to Holy Family Catholic Church P.O. Box 333 McClusky, ND 58463



## Vloria 'Marcie' Seibel

April 30, 1943 - April 28, 2025

Vloria "Marcie" Seibel, 81, Harvey, ND died on Monday, April 28, 2025 at her home.

Visitation was held Wednesday, May 7 at Hertz Funeral Home, Harvey, ND with Funeral services held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 8 at First Lutheran Church, Harvey, ND. Burial will be in St. Petri Cemetery at a later date. The funeral will be streamed live on the First Lutheran Church Harvey website:

Marcie was born on April 30, 1943 in Harvey. She was the daughter of Sofus and Stella (Hanson) Erickson. She grew up

in Harvey and attended school there. Marcie married Donald Seibel on June 18, 1961, at the Trinity Bethany Lutheran Church in Harvey. Their children were born in Harvey before moving to Lodi, CA in 1967. Marcie had several jobs while living in Lodi including the Safeway meat processing plant. Don and Marcie moved back to Harvey in 2003. Marcie worked at JW's, and later B-52 Bar and Grill in Harvey. Donald died on October 7, 2016. Marci loved to bowl and was an avid reader.

Marcie is survived by her daughter Jodi (Robert) Smith of Houston, TX and a son, Mark (Maryann) Seibel of Mesa, AZ; 7 grandchildren, Nicolas, Robert, Jr., Tyler, Trey, Beth, Ashley and Michael; 7 great-grandchildren; brothers, Floyd (Lefty) Erickson of Harvey, Gordon Erickson of Mentor, MN; sister, Edna Helland of St. Paul, MN. Marcie was preceded in death by her parents; husband; infant son David; brothers, Kenneth, Lloyd, Melvin, Morris, Jerry; sisters, Gladys Heilman, Fay Heisler, Deloris Martin, Florence Rose, and Gloria Mae Ripplinger. Share online at [www.hertzfuneralhomes.com](http://www.hertzfuneralhomes.com)



## Marlan Faul

April 21, 1947 - May 3, 2025

Marlan Alvin Faul, 78, of Minot, North Dakota passed away on May 3, 2025.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 10, 2025 at Faith Luthaeran Church, Harvey, ND with burial following in Sunnyside Cemetery, Harvey, ND. Visitation will be Friday from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Hertz Funeral Home, Harvey, ND.

Marlan was born on April 21, 1947, in Tacoma, Washington to Alvin Arlo Faul and Elaine (Heitmann) Faul.

During his infancy, Marlan moved with his parents to a farm south of Harvey, North Dakota. His early years were spent working the fields and milking Holsteins on the family farm.

As the oldest of six, Marlan was a much-adored older brother, and his impact on his younger sisters and brother was deep and profound. Marlan graduated from Harvey High School in 1965 and from North Dakota State University with an electrical engineering degree in 1969. On his graduation from NDSU, he went to work for the Bureau of Reclamation in Bismarck, ND.

Marlan soon realized that he was not built for being inside at a desk, and he moved to Minot, ND where he became a Master

Electrician. He worked for Larson Electric and Main Electric until 1979, when he branched out on his own and founded Faul Electric.

Marlan was an avid reader, and he loved to spend time outside with his two chocolate labs, Ginger and Mocha.

He enjoyed hosting friends and family at his cabin on Strawberry Lake near Russo, ND. At the cabin, Marlan could often be found working in his garden or giving boat rides to friends and neighbors. His generosity with his time, financial resources, and garden produce was a blessing to many.

Marlan was a wonderful influence on his many nieces and nephews, and as an avid amateur photographer, he could frequently be found taking pictures at sporting events, plays, concerts, graduations, and weddings for family and friends.

During his later career, Marlan went to work at Minot Air Force Base as a civilian electrical engineer, and he retired formally from his position at the Air Force Base in 2017. He continued to work part time as owner of Faul Electric, and he fully retired in 2024.

Marlan was preceded in death by his grandparents and father.

He is survived by his mother Elaine Palmer of Enderlin, ND; brother Scott, Des Moines, IA; sister-in-law Shauna Faul, Harvey, ND; sisters Rita Caswell, Wetumpka, AL, ReNae Martello, Woodstock, GA, Becky (Ray) Martinmaas, Orient, SD, and Marcia (Darryl) Martin, West Fargo, ND; numerous nieces and nephews; and countless friends and colleagues. Share online at [www.hertzfuneralhomes.com](http://www.hertzfuneralhomes.com)

The service will be streamed live at the Faith Lutheran Church link; <https://www.youtube.com/@harveyfaithlc>

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[bowdonlutheran@daktel.com](mailto:bowdonlutheran@daktel.com)  
Sun school/coffee 9:45 Worship 11 a.m.

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Church 884-2528 Home 884-2587  
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Sabbath School 9:45 am. Worship 11 am

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