



Leonard Maier

Leonard Wayne Maier, age 79, passed away on March 18, 2026, at Elm Crest Manor in New Salem, ND with his wife at his side.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held 10:30 am on Saturday, May 23, 2026, at Peace Church in New Salem. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial will be at Peace Cemetery.

Leonard was born October 31, 1946, to Walter and Elma (Holle) Maier at New Salem, the second of two children. He attended grade school in a one-room country school for 8 years, and New Salem High School, where he graduated in 1964.

Leonard was raised on the family farm northwest of New Salem that belonged to his great grandparents, who had homesteaded there. He farmed and ran a dairy all his life. His father passed away in 1964, when Leonard was a senior in high school. Leonard and his mother took over and operated the dairy farm. On April 8, 1967, he married Bonnie Kunkel at New Salem. They resided on Leonard's family dairy farm for 41 years, with 5 years in between where Leonard worked on various ranches at Hettinger, ND, Wing, ND, and at the John Weber Ranch near Hannover, ND. In 2014, they sold their farmstead and moved into New Salem.

Leonard and Bonnie had two children, Stacy and Michelle. As their family grew they were blessed with a grandson and great-grandsons whom Leonard loved very much and looked forward to spending time with.

Leonard enjoyed horses and usually had one or two on the farm. He enjoyed going to rodeos where he participated in team roping and later team penning events. He

enjoyed the Saddle Club play days and entered most all events. Leonard was president of the ND Team Penning Association and New Salem Saddle Club. He enjoyed going to high school rodeos that Stacy and Michelle participated in and always encouraged them. Leonard loved a good day of working cattle whenever anyone called for help.

Leonard also loved hunting, whether for pheasants or deer. He was always happy when his son and grandson would come for pheasant hunting season and the whole group would get together for fun times.

Leonard was on the Board of Directors for the Farmers Union Lumber Yard, the New Salem Fire District, and the New Salem Historical Society. He also served as president of the New Salem Historical Society.

After he retired, Leonard spent his time at the New Salem Historical Society, playing pinocle with his buddies and hunting and fishing with his son and grandson.

Leonard is survived by his wife of 58 years,

Bonnie Maier, New Salem; son, Stacy Maier (Kelsi Cruse); grandson, Roman (Raeanne) Maier and great-grandsons, Rocky and Riley Maier, all of Medical Lake, WA; and former daughter-in-law, Jody Maier, Spokane Valley, WA. He is also survived by his sister-in-law, Judy Kroh and her husband, Curt; brother-in-law, Dave Kunkel; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Those preceding him in death were his grandparents, George (1960) and Louisa (1981) Holle and William (1977) and Anna (1977) Maier; his parents, Walter Maier (1964) and Elma Maier Heinle (1996); stepfather, Walter Heinle (1981); brother, Glenn Maier (1955); daughter Michelle (1985); and nephew, Damian Kunkel (2004).

The family would like to express their gratitude to the entire staff at Elm Crest Manor for the wonderful care he received. It was greatly appreciated.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to the New Salem Ambulance or another charity of your choice.

Event Calendar

Local Legions Memorial Day Programs

Hebron Post 100: 6:00 p.m. Friday, May 22 at Hebron Community Center

Mandan Post 40: Monday, May 25 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. North Dakota Veterans Cemetery

New Salem Post 91: Monday, May 25 @ 10 a.m. Dedication of MSG Mark McCowan Memorial at New Salem-Almont High School.

Lunch to be served at noon in the New Salem Auditorium following the dedication.

Almont Post 261: Monday, May 25 @ 10 a.m., opening ceremony at Almont Legion Hall begins followed by ceremonial gatherings at the Almont and Sims cemeteries. Lunch will follow, then a final ceremonial gathering at St Joseph's cemetery will occur.

Flasher Post 69: The American Legion Post

69 will provide a gravesite Memorial Service on Monday, May 25th, 2026 at each cemetery listed below. Following theme-morial services, there will be a meal at the Branded Bar in Flasher to honor the Legionnaires and their families. During the lunch, there will be a presentation of certificates to recognize our 50 and 60 year Legionmembers. This event is open to the general public and all are welcome to attend.

The Legion will be at the following cemeteries: All times are CST-Times are estimated, could be plus or minus by several minutes: Fallon Cemetery: 8:00 am; Freda Cemetery: 8:30 am; Shields Sunny-side Cemetery: 9:00 am; St Gertrude Cemetery: 9:40 am; Raleigh Cemetery: 10:00 am; Hwy 31 Richardson Memorial: 10:15 am; Lark Cemetery: 10:30 am; Flasher Cemeteries: 11:00 am-12:00 pm

Morton County Fair Board

The Morton County Fair Board will have their regular meeting on Monday June 1, 2026 at 7:00pm central time at the fairgrounds in New Salem.

May Western Plains Public Health Clinics

27 Footcare and Blood Pressure at Mandan Senior Center 8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Call 667-3370 for appointment

Ministerial Moments

Pastor Gaylen Lennick

Word of Life Baptist Church

Blessings in Planting

Springtime is an exciting time for me and many of you all, I'm sure. Growing up on the farm, I can't forget planting and harvest.

From the grass getting green to the budding of the trees to the crops planted in the field, there is always excitement, and possibly a bit of anxiety, until everything turns green. Being patient for God to send the sun and rain for all to grow.

I grew up on the farm and was there until 2002 when God made it clear for us to move to New Salem.

God made it clear after our move that I am still

planting seeds, planting seeds of the gospel now.

Being in ministry for 18 plus years, I now appreciate where I came from and where God has put me.

In the gospel, it tells about the coming of the Son of Man and the parable of the fig tree.

As we see signs in nature of springtime, we can also see signs of Jesus' return, the rapture, which is the next event on the prophetic calendar. Then will come the tribulation period of 7 years.

The Bible says after these two passages, no one knows the day or the hour, but we need

to watch. Just like we watch the trees bud in the spring.

Jesus could return any day for His church.

As believers in Jesus, keep in mind, He is preparing a place in heaven for you.

As we see the day of His return drawing closer, may we find ourselves fully trusting Him and Him alone, now and for all eternity.

When we are planting in the field, garden, or planting spiritual seeds in another's life, keep in mind that God's plan and purpose will prevail.

In Christ,
Pastor Gaylen

PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF NEW SALEM NOTICE OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATE CHANGE

Notice is hereby given that the next Regular City Council Meeting has been rescheduled to Monday, June 1st, 2026 at 6:30pm in the New Salem City Auditorium Council Room. All meetings are open to the public.

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308 Main St. New Salem

cake and ice cream will
be provided

Jacinta Klindworth, MD

She's right here.



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