

Marilyn Hall
Hoople

Marilyn Susan (Augustin) Hall passed away peacefully surrounded by all her children and her loving husband of 50 years, Warren, Monday, Dec. 22, 2025.



Marilyn Hall

Her cookies were legendary among her children and their friends. She enjoyed snowmobiling with her family and especially with Warren. Marilyn started riding snowmobile at the beginning of her marriage to

Warren and they enjoyed many adventures including their last snowmobiling trip in the winter of 2025. Marilyn is survived by her husband, Warren; her five children: Julie (Eric) Hall-den Boer, Sarah Hall, Kevin (Amy) Hall, Alicia (Brian) Harstad, and Laura (Jonathan) Rieger; seven grandchildren: William, Margret, Jonah, Axel, Violet, Ivan and Barrett; siblings: Lee (Lesley) Augustin and Jane (Dick) Horner. She is also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and all who were touched by her care and love.

Marilyn was preceded in death by her parents, Milton and Esther Augustin; and nephew, Jeffery Augustin. Funeral services were held Monday, Dec. 29, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. at First Lutheran Church of Hoople. Visitation was at the church on Sunday, Dec. 28, from 2:30-4:30 p.m. A prayer service was held at 4:30 p.m. Friends also called at the church on Monday for one hour prior to the service. Interment will be at the Hoople City Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Sanford Health Foundation for the Roger Maris Cancer Center, HIA Hospice or Pregnancy Help Center in Park River. An online guest book is available at: www.tollefsonfuneralhome.com. The funeral was recorded and is available on the website as well. Tollefson Funeral Home of Grafton was in charge of arrangements.

Neil Christenson was born April 29, 1951, in Grafton, to Edythe and Leonard Christenson. He spent his early years on the family farm north of Bowesmont. He graduated from Drayton High School in 1969 and later attended Valley City State College, majoring in mathematics. After graduation he served in the United States Army. During his years of service, he was married and welcomed six children. He furthered his education and earned a Master of Science in construction management. Following his military career, Neil worked in the Washington, D.C. area until retirement. He returned home to North Dakota in 2016.

He is survived by his children: Jeff (Amy), Heather (Kelly), Andrea (John), Travis (Heather), Adora (Ponch), and Kara (Aaron); 15 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and siblings: Duane, Cheryl (Wade), Shirley, and George (Donna).

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Services will be held in early June. Details will be shared with family and friends at a later date.

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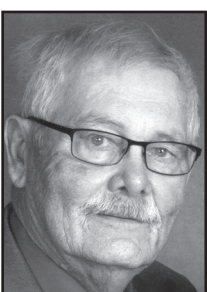
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Elroy Brandvold
Edinburg



Elroy Ordean Brandvold, age 80, of Edinburg, passed away peacefully Dec. 22, 2025, at Essentia Health Hospital in Fargo, surrounded by his family.



Elroy Brandvold

hockey, old TV westerns, gardening, driving the golf cart or Model A Ford. A favorite activity was keeping an eye on the grandkids' activities.

He is survived by his loving wife Brandvold; son, Chad

Brandvold (wife Toni) and their daughters, Kennedy and Hannah of Wyoming, Minnesota; son, Reed Brandvold of Minneapolis, Minnesota; son, Ross Brandvold of Newport Beach, California; daughter, Jana Gudmundson (husband Chad) and their children, Allison and Adley of Mountain; and many nieces, nephews and relatives.

Elroy was preceded in death by his parents, Edroy and Ann Brandvold; In-laws, Johannes and Valgerdur Olafson; sister, Mona Jean Harvey (Tom); brother, Burvette Brandvold (Gloria); sister, Colleen Shanahan (John); and sister, Audrey Bigwood (Lyle).

Visitation was held at Trinity Lutheran Church in Edinburg from 5-7 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 30, 2025.

Elroy's memory will live on in the hearts of all who knew him.

Tollefson Funeral Home of Edinburg was in charge of arrangements.

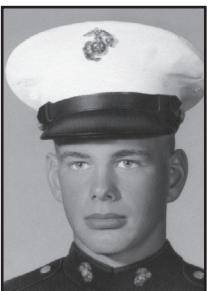
Jerold 'Jerry' Roth

Duluth, Minnesota
Jerold "Jerry" Roth, 79, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2025, at his

home in Duluth, Minnesota. Services will be held Wednesday, Jan. 7, at 11 a.m. at West Funeral Home, West Fargo,

with visitation for one hour prior to the service. Jerold A. Roth was born in Elgin to Arnold and Ida (Evenrud) Roth on May 8, 1946. He spent his first years in Mott before his parents moved to Grafton. He attended Grafton Central School, then attended Wahpeton School of Science and later Brown Institute in Minneapolis for electronics technology training. After graduation, he went to work for Bell Telephone Company, and was later drafted into the U.S. Marine Corps in 1966. After basic training, he spent a tour of duty in Vietnam. When he was discharged, he returned to work for the Bell system and its many name changes. After retiring he moved to Duluth.

He is survived by his brother, James (Annette) Roth. He was preceded in death by his parents.



Jerold Roth

Sharon Sullivan

Minto
Sharon Sullivan, 77, Minto, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 23, 2025, at Lutheran Sunset Home, Grafton.

Services were held Tuesday, Dec. 30, Tollefson Funeral Home, Grafton. Interment will be at Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery, Minto, in the spring. Sharon K. Berlin was born March 22, 1948, in Fargo to Jerome and Lillian (Sullivan) Berlin. She grew up in Lisbon for a short time before moving to Grand Forks. She attended school in Grand Forks and later Moorhead Area Vocational and Technical Institute. In 1986 she met Charlie Hermann and the couple made their home in Georgetown, Minnesota, for many years before moving to Grand Forks in 2001 and later to Minto in 2005. She was an Avon representative for 20 years.

She is survived by her life partner, Charlie Hermann, Minto; children: Cheri Skavlem and Michael Skavlem; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and brothers: Mike and Steven Berlin. She was preceded in death by her parents.



Sharon Sullivan

Dorothy Koester
Grafton

Dorothy (Orleans) Koester, 73, longtime Grafton resident, died peacefully at home after a long battle with cancer, on Sunday, Dec. 28, 2025, surrounded by her family.



Dorothy Koester

Born in Colorado Springs, Dorothy lived in Texas and California as well, before transferring to Peru State College, where she met Ron Koester. They married in 1973 and made a home in Hereford, Texas, before Ron's job brought them to North Dakota, where they lived in Hillsboro, Mayville, and finally Grafton. Dorothy completed her degree in elementary education at Mayville State College and taught fifth graders in Grandin and substituted in many other schools in the area before suspending her career to raise five children. She later served as a substitute teacher in the Grafton schools, and sewed costumes for the high school musicals. Dorothy volunteered at LSTC, belonged to the choir at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, was active in the parish and several local quilting circles. She was a supporter of St.

Gianna and Pietro Molla Maternity Home.

Dorothy's parents, Lou and June Orleans, and one sibling, Carolyn Gray, preceded her in death. She is survived by Ron Koester, her husband of

52 years; her children: Steve (Lindsay) Koester, Evans, Colorado, Christie Koester, Grand Forks, Cody Koester (Betty), also of Grand Forks, Bobbi Jo Phelps, Fargo, and Lisa Koester, Dallas, Texas; and ten grandchildren: Fabian, Amanda, Amber, Halle, Adam, Alex, Hunter, Naomi, Myles and Westin.

Mass of Christian Burial will be Saturday, Jan. 3, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church of Grafton. Visitation will be Saturday from 9 a.m. until the time of the service at the church. Interment will be at St. John's Catholic Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, consider a donation to St. Gianna and Pietro Molla Maternity Home in Warsaw.

An online guestbook is available at: www.tollefsonfuneralhome.com

Tollefson Funeral Home of Grafton is in charge of the arrangements.

James 'Jim' Stupnik

Grafton
James "Jim" Stupnik, 74, Grafton, passed away Friday, Dec. 19, 2025, at Altru Hospital in Grand Forks.

Services will be held at a later date. James Edward Stupnik was born Dec. 27, 1950, in Ely, Minnesota,



James Stupnik

to Frank and Rose (Brula) Stupnik. He married Peggy Kappel on Feb. 13, 2006, in Hillsboro and they resided in Grafton. He was employed as a meat manager with Wally's Grocery and Hugo's Supermarket in Grafton.

He is survived by his wife; sons: Jordan Phillips, Anaconda, Montana, and Ray (Dana) Phillips, Grafton; brother, Frank (Cindy) Stupnik, Rice, Minnesota; and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and an infant brother, John.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

EDINBURG FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Wed., January 7th, 2026

at **7:30 p.m.** in the
Fire Hall Meeting Room

Glenn T. Ohma, Sec./Treas.

First Care Health Center's January Schedule

Dr. Mirza Baig, Gastroenterology.....Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Fridays
Dr. Michael Bittles, General Surgery.....Jan. 5, 19, & Fridays
Altru Cardiology Services.....Jan. 15
Dr. Anil Potti, Hematology, Oncology.....Jan. 22
Dr. Mark Strand, ENT, Otolaryngology.....Jan. 13
Dr. Jennifer Gowan, Audiology.....Jan. 13
Dr. Tana Setness Hoefs, Obstetrics & Gynecology.....Jan. 19
Jackie Roberts, NP, Hematology & Oncology.....Jan. 12
3D Mammograms.....Jan. 8, 22, 29
Foot Care Clinic.....Call 701-284-4566 for an appointment
Dietitian — Christina Bata, RDN/LRDThursdays
Physical Therapy.....Monday—Friday
Corissa Carignan, PT, DPT, CLT, Cert-MMOA, Cert-CMFA; Ben Phelps, PT, DPT; Raevyn Haugland, PT, DPT, Cert-MMOA; Katie Skorheim, PT, DPT; Allie Kuchar, PTA, Cert-MMOA
Occupational Therapy — Averi Lundebrek, OTD, OTR-L, Hailey Hurr, COTA, Shawn Moen, COTA.....Monday - Friday
Speech and Language Therapy — Megan Suda, M.S., CCC-SLP...Monday - Friday
Cardiac Rehab — Terra Omle, RN.....Monday - Friday
Pulmonary Rehab — Shanna Littlejohn, RRT, NCTTP.....Monday - Friday
Social Workers — Tina Sitzler, MSW, LBSW & Jessica Leadens, LBSW.....Monday - Friday

Mental Health —
Dr. Shannon Alexander, Psychologist.....Monday - Friday
Senior Life Solutions.....Monday - Friday
Kelsey Klinger & India Stockert, Psychology Interns.....Tuesdays & Wednesdays
Integrated Telehealth Partners —
Dr. Erica Larson, Pediatric, Adolescent, & Adult Psychiatrist - Tuesdays, Wednesdays
CT Scans—Daily MRIs—Mondays Ultrasounds—Mon.-Fri.
Lab Hours: Mon.-Fri.—7:30AM-5:30PM Saturdays—8:30AM-Noon
Infusion Center: Chemotherapy, Immunotherapy, Infusions, Dressing Changes, & Telemedicine Visits —
To schedule, call Mandi at 701-284-4136.
— Sleep Studies — To schedule, call Shanna at 701-284-4574.

Call 701-284-7555 to schedule a clinic appointment

Dr. Joel Johnson
Tammy Clemetson, PA-C
Allie Skyrud, FNP-C

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St. Jude Novena

To St. Jude, Holy St. Jude, Apostle and Martyr, great in virtue and rich in Miracles, near kinsman and Jesus Christ, faithful intercessor of all who invoke your special patronage in time of need.

To you I have recourse from the depths of my heart and humbly beg to who God had given such great power to come to my assistance. Help me in my present and urgent petition. In return I promise to make known your name and cause you to be involved. St. Jude, Pray for us and all who invoke your aid.

Amen

Say three (3) Our Fathers, three (3) Hail Mary's and Glory Be.
Publication must be promised. My request has been granted.
Say this Novena on nine (9) consecutive days.



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