Marilyn Hall

Hoople



loving husband of Marilyn Augustin was (Schulz) Augustin. She

born July 8, 1952, in Grand Forks to Milton and Esther was baptized at St. John's Lutheran Church in Crystal on Aug. 17, 1952. She was later confirmed at St. John's on June 19, 1966. Marilyn's faith was lifelong and in her last days with us her trust in Jesus brought her peace. Marilyn graduated

from Valley High School in 1970. After high school she began nursing studies at the University of North Dakota (UND). She was an active member of Delta Zeta where she made many life-long friends. She graduated from UND in 1974 with a bachelor of Science in nursing.

On Jan. 4, 1975, Marilyn married Warren Hall. They made their home in Hoople and celebrated 50 years of marriage this year. They worked on many house projects together. Marilyn helped Warren on the farm by driving potato truck, picking up parts and giving rides between fields. Warren and Marilyn were blessed with five children and Marilyn was a diligent and caring mother to

Marilyn's true calling was one of faithful service to others. As a nurse, she cared for many patients throughout her career. As a mother, she worked tirelessly to support all of her children's diverse interests. She volunteered at church, school activities and also as a 4-H leader.

She had many hobbies and interests. She loved making quilts and appliques and most items were given as gifts or donations. She also loved flower gardening and baking.

Neil Christenson

held in early June. Details

will be shared with family

and friends at a later date.

born April 29, 1951, in

Grafton, to Edythe and

Leonard Christenson. He

spent his early years on

the family farm north of

Bowesmont. He gradu-

ated from

Drayton

High

School

in 1969

and later

attended

City State

majoring

in math-

College,

Valley

Neil Christenson was

Neil Christenson,

74, Grafton, passed

away Dec. 21, 2025.

Services will be

Neil Christenson

ematics. After graduation he

served in the United States

service, he was married and

welcomed six children. He

earned a Master of Science

ment. Following his military

Washington, D.C. area until

in construction manage-

career, Neil worked in the

retirement. He returned

home to North Dakota in

furthered his education and

Army. During his years of



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.

Elroy Brandvold

Elroy Ordean

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

Born July 28, 1945, in Grafton to parents Edroy and Ann (Rystad) Brandvold, Elroy lived a life rooted in family, hard work and the community he loved. In 1963 he entered Wahpeton College of Science before being drafted into the United States Army. He served as a military policeman

and was recognized as a

Medal recipient and

earned a sharpshooter

National Defense Service

badge. On June 20, 1969, he married Vera Olafson at Gardar Lutheran Church. They had four children. Life on the family farm was spent raising small grains, beef cattle and later dairy cattle. Following his years in agriculture Elroy spent many years working as a heavy equipment operator.

In retirement, Elroy loved to tinker in his garage. He made many birdhouses that can be seen around town and enjoyed keeping the yard green and looking good. He was a fan of UND

Jerold 'Jerry' Roth

Duluth, Minnesota

Jerold "Jerry"

away Tuesday, Dec.

Jerold Roth

Roth, 79, passed

16, 2025, at his

home in Duluth, Minnesota.

Wednesday, Jan. 7, at 11 a.m.

at West Funeral Home, West

and Ida (Evenrud) Roth on

first years in Mott before his

He attended Grafton Central

Wahpeton School of Science

and later Brown Institute in

Minneapolis for electron-

After graduation, he went

to work for Bell Telephone

drafted into the U.S. Marine

Corps in 1966. After basic

training, he spent a tour of

duty in Vietnam. When he

to work for the Bell system

After retiring he moved to

He is survived by his

He was preceded in death

brother, James (Annette)

Duluth.

by his parents.

was discharged, he returned

and its many name changes.

Company, and was later

ics technology training.

parents moved to Grafton.

School, then attended

May 8, 1946. He spent his

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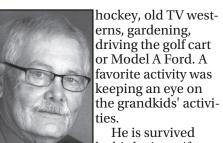
was born

to Arnold

Jerold

vice.

Edinburg



by his loving wife Fargo, surround- Elroy Brandvold of 56 years, Vera

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 rela-

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.

Sharon Sullivan

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

Tuesday, Dec. 30, Tollefson Funeral Home, Grafton. Interment will be at Sacred Heart Catholic



Sharon K. Berlin was

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.

Services were held

Sharon Sullivan

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.

Minto

St. Jude Novena

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to who God had given such great power to come to my assistance. Help me in my present and urgent petition. In treturn I promise to make known your name and cause you to be involved. St. Jude, Pray for us and all who invoke your aid.

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Dorothy Koester

Dorothy

73, longtime

Grafton resident,

died peacefully

at home after a

long battle with

rounded by her

Born in

family.

Grafton



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 Dorothy Koester 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,

James Stupnik 1950, in Ely, Minnesota,

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.

Dr. Mirza Baig, Gastroenterology......Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Fridays Dr. Michael Bittles, General Surgery......Jan. 5, 19, & Fridays

First Care Health Center's January Schedule

Altru Cardiology ServicesJan. 15
Dr. Anil Potti, Hematology, OncologyJan. 22
Dr. Mark Strand, ENT, OtolaryngologyJan. 13
Dr. Jennifer Gowan, AudiologyJan. 13
Dr. Tana Setness Hoefs, Obstetrics & GynecologyJan. 19
Jackie Roberts, NP, Hematology & OncologyJan. 12
3D MammogramsJan. 8, 22, 29
Foot Care ClinicCall 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 Hurtt, COTA, Shawn Moen, COTAMonday - Friday
Speech and Language Therapy — Megan Suda, M.S., CCC-SLPMonday - Friday

Pulmonary Rehab — Shanna Littlejohn, RRT, NCTTP......Monday - Friday Social Workers — Tina Sitzer, MSW, LBSW & Jessica Leadens, LBSW..... Dr. Shannon Alexander, Psychologist......Monday - Friday Senior Life Solutions.....Monday - Friday

Cardiac Rehab — Terra Omlie, RN......Monday - Friday

Kelsey Klinger & India Stockert, Psychology Interns..Tuesdays & Wednesdavs 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.

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



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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). He was preceded in death by his parents; and brothers Earl, Dale and Glenn.

Susan Osowski

Newfolden, Minnesota Susan Osowski, 65, Newfolden, Minnesota,

and formerly of Hallock, Minnesota, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 23, 2025, at Karlstad

Senior

Minnesota.

Susan Osowski Living, Karlstad, Minnesota. Visitation will be held Friday, Jan. 2, from 1-3 p.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Newfolden. Interment will be at Woodlawn Cemetery, Argyle,

Susan Kay Osowski was born Aug. 30, 1960, in Warren, Minnesota, to Francis "Frank" and Bernice (Peterson) Osowski. She was raised on a farm in Fork Township, Marshall County, Minnesota, and attended Stephen Public Schools. She worked at the State School in Grafton for several years. She was then a stay at home mom. She later moved to Hallock where she worked at Kittson Memorial Nursing Home as a certified nursing assistant for many years

until moving to Newfolden. She is survived by her daughters: Samantha Ryba, Amanda Donarski and Tiffany Donarski, all of Newfolden; six grandchildren; siblings: Bruce (Mary) Osowski, Brad (Kylie) Osowski and Nancy (John) Webster.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

To St. Jude, Holy St. Jude, Apostle and Martyr, great in virtue and

To you I have recourse from the depths of my heart and humbly beg

