

Obituaries/Church

Ricky Alan Fosness

January 10, 1965 - October 2, 2025

Ricky Alan Fosness, the son of Earl and Alida (Ness) Fosness, was born on January 10, 1965 in Rugby, ND. He died at the age of 60 on October 2, 2025 at the Aneta Parkview Health Center in Aneta, ND.

Rick was the youngest child of Earl and Alida. He was raised in rural Barton and Berwick, ND with his siblings, Leland and Kathy. He attended school in Towner and graduated with the class of 1983. Rick loved farm life and worked for various farmers in the area. He married Dawn Graham in 1987 and they were blessed with two daughters. They raised their family in Hatton, Rugby, and Berwick where Rick worked in construction and continued to farm. Rick and Dawn later ended their marriage. Rick spent many years with Janet Kruk, and together, they were blessed with a son. They moved to Willow City, where Rick lived for many years.

Rick’s biggest passions were farming and hunting. Rick had an amazing and sarcastic sense of humor and always had a joke ready to go. He was a gentle giant who children adored. Rick was always willing to lend a helping hand and was affectionately nicknamed Moose.

After some health issues, Rick relocated to Northwood, ND where he met his partner Shelly. She aided him in his recovery and was by his side until the end.

Rick is survived by his partner, Shelly Bullert of Northwood; children Lauren (Steven) Swearson of Towner, Mandy Fosness of East Grand Forks, and Logan Fosness of Bottineau; grandsons Connor, Kane, & Barrett Swearson, Pierce Fosness, and Chance & Emmitt Goulet; sister Kathy (Al) Brown of Rugby; nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his brother Leland, infant twin brothers, Kevin & Kerwin, and his parents.

Memorial services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 18th at Zion Lutheran Church in Towner with lunch and fellowship to follow at the church. Burial will be later that afternoon at Marker Cemetery. Wally Fretland, officiating.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the services at the church. Arrangements made with Anderson Funeral Homes of Rugby and Towner 119 3rd Street SW · Rugby, North Dakota 58368-1797 Phone – (701)776-6381 - Fax – (701)776-5916 Email – afhrugby-towner@gondtc.com Website – www.funeralsbyanderson.com



On Monday, Shirley Vormestrand and Mary Natwick were callers in Rugby.

Diana Brandt was among those that attended the fish fry supper held on Saturday evening at the Upham 55 Plus Club Hall. It was very good.

Mary Boehnke was among those that attended the volleyball game held Thursday in Towner, of which Skylar Bohl participated.

John Brandt was a Sunday caller

BIBLE TRIVIA by Wilson Casey

- 1. Is the book of Mark (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
- 2. From Genesis 32, who was “greatly afraid and distressed” about a reunion with a brother he had wronged? Joseph, Jacob, Cain, Peter
- 3. What city was beat down and sowed with salt? Shechem, Caesarea, Gaza, Berea
- 4. From Numbers 20, who died on a mountaintop after having his garment stripped? Moses, Abraham, Noah, Aaron
- 5. Who lost all his horse-drawn chariots in a sea? Ornan, Balaam, Pharaoh, Benaiah
- 6. Where did Abraham meet angels? River, Tent door, Juniper tree, Prison

ANSWERS: 1) New, 2) Jacob, 3) Shechem, 4) Aaron, 5) Pharaoh, 6) Tent door

“Test Your Bible Knowledge,” a book with 1,206 multiple-choice questions by columnist Wilson Casey, is available in stores and online.

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at the Diana Brandt home.

On Monday, Mary Boehnke attended the basketball game held in Surrey, of which Reagan Bohl and Keeley Jaeger participated. Then on Tuesday evening, she was among those that attended the basketball game in Towner of which Reagan Bohl and Keeley Jaeger participated.

Deanna Tranby and Diana Brandt were Minot callers on Monday for an appointment.

On Tuesday, John Brandt, Jaden Brandt, and Diana Brandt were among those that attended the funeral services held for Clifford

Nerem of Deering at the church in Minot. Sympathy to the family.

Wesley Goodman and Mary Boenke were among those that attended the fish fry supper held Saturday evening at the Upham 55 Plus Club Hall. Mary Boehnke was a Tuesday evening guest at the Danny and Jean Brandt home.

Belated Happy Birthday to Danny Brandt.

Happy Birthday to Jed Wickman, Janet Clark, and Kyle Burkhard.

Happy Anniversaries to Mark and Patty Manning.

“A man who has never made a

mistake has never done anything.”

Bingo Friday at 7 o'clock at Upham Legion Hall. The last evening of bingo for the year will be on Friday, October 24th.

MRJ Deadline is Friday at 5:00pm Ads, Copy and Legals can be submitted to mrsrvrjnl@srt.com or mrjads@srt.com

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Service Notice -

Joseph P. Haman

Joseph P. Haman, 96 of Towner died Sunday at the Northern Lights Long Term Care Center in Minot.

Mass of Christian burial will be held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, October 17 at St. Cecilia's Catholic Church in Towner with burial in the church cemetery and lunch and fellowship to follow in the church basement.

Visitation will be held on Thursday from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. with rosary, vigil prayer service and sharing beginning at 7:00 p.m. at St. Cecilia's Catholic Church.

The Anderson Funeral Home of Towner is assisting the family of Joe P. Haman with funeral services.

Changes for the Church Directory?

Email to: mrjads@srt.com or mail them to PO Box 268 Towner ND 58788



THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

Lord, lift up the light of Your countenance upon us. You have put gladness in my heart, more than in the season that their grain and wine increased. I will both lie down in peace, and sleep; for You alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety. PSALM 4:6-8



Detail of "Overcast Day at Saint-Mammes" by Alfred Sisley (1880)

McHenry County Church Service Directory

ANAMOOSE

St. Francis Xavier's Catholic Church; Rev. Tom Graner, stfx@gondtc.com; 1st & 5th Sundays of the month 8 am'2nd Sunday of the month 10:30 am'3rd & 4th Sundays of the month 5 pm Saturday evening; 5th Sunday of the month 8 am
United Community Baptist Church
Danelle Olson, Pastor
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
St. Martin Lutheran
Reverend Tim Stout
Service @ 9 am, with Sunday School & Bible study at 8:00am
Communion: 1st & 3rd Sun.

DEERING

Deering Lutheran Congregation
Pastor David Myers (240-4225)
Bethany (838-5196); Lay Pastor Daniel Bauder; Organist Diane Mogard
Sunday Worship: 11:15a.m;
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

DRAKE

United Methodist
Ph #: 465- 3757
Worship Service: 8:30 am

Trinity Lutheran

Worship service-9:30am every Sunday
St. Margaret Mary's Catholic Church
Rev. Tom Graner, 1st & 2nd Sundays of the month 5 pm Saturday evening' 3rd Sunday of the month 8 am; 4th & 5th Sundays of the month 10:30 am

GRANVILLE

Hope Congregational United Church of Christ
Rev Cheryl McCullough
Sunday Worship: 10am; Women's Guild: 2nd Sunday of month
First Lutheran Church of Granville
Guest Speaker
Sun. Worship Service:9:00 am

KARLSRUHE

Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church
Rev. Jered Grossman
Sunday Mass: 8:30am

KIEF

Liberty Baptist Church
Pastor Steve Martin
Sunday Worship: 10:00 am; Sunday School 9:00 am

KONGSBERG

St. John's Lutheran
Reverend Tim Stout Sunday Service: 10am; Bible Study 11am

NORWICH

Norwich Lutheran Church
Interim Pastor Ben Carlsen
Sun.Worship Service: 11 am; Handicapped Accessible. WELCA: 1st Thursday of the month at 2pm
Church of The Nazarene
Sunday School: 10:00 am; Morning Worship: 11:00 am; Evening Worship 7:00 pm;

TOWNER

The Church of St. Cecilia
Rev. Michael Schommer
Mass: Sat.: 5:00 pm.
Sun. 10am Reconciliation: Sat. 4:30pm
Presbyterian Church
Sunday Church services at 9:30am
Presbyterian Women meet 2nd Wednesday at 1:30.
Zion Lutheran Church
Sunday school at 9:00 am
Worship 10:00 am
Faith Lutheran Church
Jonathon Bonine, Pastor
Sun. Worship Service: 8am; Council meets last Mon. of month

at 7:30pm; Bible Class every Sunday at 7:30am

UPHAM

New Hope Lutheran
9:30 am worship
Sunday School 10:00 am
Bethlehem St. John Missouri
Synod Church Adult Bible Class
9:45, Sunday School 9:45, Church services 11:00am.

VELVA

Oak Valley Lutheran
Worship 5:30 pm, Saturday evening
10am Sunday morning.

Velva United Methodist

Geoff Hilton, Pastor
Sundays: Worship Service 10:30 a.m.; Junior Church during Sermon for children ages 6 and younger; Wednesdays: Midweek Ministries 6:30-7:30 p.m. PreK-1st grade and 2nd-4th grades at the church, grades 5th-6th and Confirmation classes at Velva City Hall.
St. Cecilia's Catholic Church
Rev. Jered Grossman
Saturday 5PM/ Sunday 10:30 AM

WILLOW CITY

1st Presbyterian Church
No Church Services
Presbyterian Women @ 10:00 am on 3rd Wednesday unless notified.
Immanuel Lutheran Church
Rev. Christopher Neuendorf
Worship Service at 9:30a.m.
First Lutheran Church
9:30 am church services.
Notre Dame Catholic Church
1st and 4th Suns., Sat. Evening at 5:00pm; 2nd Sun. at 11:00am; 3rd and 5th Sun. at 9:00am. Weekday Mass is Thursday at 9:00am.

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