



## Darrel Nilles

Darrel Nilles, 82, Bismarck, formerly Almont, passed away Thursday, February 26, 2026, at Bismarck Hospital. Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10:30 AM, Thursday, March 5, 2026, at St. Pius Catholic Church, New Salem. Burial was in Almont Cemetery, Almont, ND.

Darrel Lecy Nilles was born August 2, 1943, in New Salem, North Dakota, to Regina (Timpe) and Clarence Nilles of Almont, North Dakota.

As a child, Darrel lived at North Almont in a boxcar while his father worked at the coal mine. He attended country school through the eighth grade before moving into Almont, where he finished high school while working on the family farm.

On May 3, 1975, Darrel married the love of his life, Marian Peterson, also of Almont. Together they made their home on the farm and built a life rooted in faith, family, and the everyday blessings of home. There they welcomed and raised four children. Darrel was steadfast in his faith and well known for his quick-witted sense of humor. He enjoyed 50 years of Marian's home cooking and often blamed his "girlish figure" on it.

Darrel was a hard worker through and

through, and some of his greatest joy was found in the simple, steady rhythms of farm life. He loved his animal cattle, pigs, goats, and numerous birds—and took pride in caring for them. He also found true peace on the tractor, enjoying the quiet purpose of farming and the time it gave him to reflect.

In 2004, Darrel and Marian moved to Bismarck and enjoyed retirement together. In 2025, due to failing health, Darrel moved to the Baptist Home, where he quickly became something of a celebrity—winning the hearts of staff and residents alike with his charm and good looks. He even won "Valentine King" by a landslide vote!

Darrel was deeply proud of his children and loved them beyond measure. His 13 grandchildren were the light of his world and brought him constant joy.

Darrel is survived by his loving wife of 50 years, Marian Nilles; his four children: Steven Nilles of Bismarck; April (Jesse) Braun of Minot; Susan (Jordan) Reinke of Center; and Candy (Mike) Vetter of Bismarck; and his 13 grandchildren: Ajah, Elsie, Nolan, Eve, Wes, and Samuel Braun, all of Minot; Avrey, Eli, Henry, Benjamin, and Thomas Reinke, all of Center; and Alexa and Makenna Vetter of Bismarck. He is also survived by many cousins, nieces, nephews, and dear friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Clarence and Regina Nilles; his father- and mother-in-law, Cuno and Esther Peterson; his brother, Clarence Nilles Jr.; his brother-in-law, Lyle Peterson; and his niece, Shannon Larson.

## Ministerial Moments

### Pastor Mark Hassler

Peace Church

"What type of church is Peace Church?" is a question I often hear as Pastor of Peace Church. What they are really asking is what denomination do you represent. When I tell them we are nondenominational, they look puzzled. Who is Peace Church? We are a congregation of Bible believing Christians from various backgrounds. We believe that if something is in the Bible, it is true, and we believe it. If it is not in Scripture, it is a matter of opinion. We believe there are Christians that make up all the various denominations. We, as believers, should be able to join together and worship God. There is only one true Church and many Christians from all backgrounds make it up. We do not support a denominational headquarters but the people in our membership select leaders to manage the business of the Congregation. We should be united in the important things that

make us a part of the Church and different from the world. To be united in our desire to preach Jesus Christ and receive the gift of His grace. To depend on the Holy Spirit also helps us with repentance and helps us to be more in the image of Christ. In heaven you are either a part of the Church, or you are lost. There will not be denominational divisions. We should get used to accepting one another and allow the various congregations to work together.

We may have different taste in Worship Service, in types of music, and management styles of the Church. But, we should be united in our efforts to be ambassadors of Jesus Christ. We have too many people who do not have a relationship with Jesus. He desires to be our Savior. Let us not be divided by our preference for Worship styles. We uplift Christ together as God's people. He is our hope and how we receive grace. We must lift up Jesus!

## Event Calendar

### March Western Plains Public Health Clinics

12 Footcare at Hebron Senior Center, 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Call 701-622-3591 for appointment.

12 Footcare at Glen Ullin Senior Center, 12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m. Call 701-622-3591 for appointment.

16 Immunizations at Western Plains Public Health in Mandan. Call 667-3370 for an appointment.

17 Footcare and Blood Pressure for Seniors 60 and older, Elm Crest Manor in New Salem, 9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Call 667-3370 for appointment.

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

18 Footcare and Blood Pressure at Library Square in Mandan, 1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m. Call 667-3370 for appointment.

23 Immunizations at Western Plains Public Health in Mandan. Call 667-3370 for an appointment.

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

30 Immunizations at Western Plains Public Health in Mandan. Call 667-3370 for an appointment.

**Have a meeting notice? Email Us at [mcnjournal@gspublishing.net](mailto:mcnjournal@gspublishing.net) to have it featured in the community calendar!**

### New Salem Fire Protection District Annual Meeting

The annual meeting for the New Salem Fire Protection District will be on Tuesday, March 24 at 7pm at the fire hall.

## Crash involving impaired driver on I-94 near Mandan leads to arrest

The North Dakota Highway Patrol announced Saturday, March 7 that an accident on Interstate 94 near Mandan the day prior led to the arrest of a Mandan resident involved in the incident.

NARRATIVE: On March 6, 2026, at approximately 8:20 PM, a two-vehicle crash resulting in minor injuries to both drivers occurred on I-94 in the westbound lanes near mile marker 144, west of Mandan.

A vehicle was attempting to turn around in the roadway when it was

struck by another vehicle traveling westbound on the interstate.

A 51-year-old Mandan man, the driver of the vehicle attempting to turn around, was arrested and charged with Reckless Endangerment – Extreme Indifference, DUI (Drugs), and Driving Under Revocation.

Motorists are reminded that turning around on the interstate is illegal and extremely dangerous. Drivers must use marked exits and overpasses if they need to change direction.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### NOTICE OF ELECTION FILING DATE

City of Almont has 2 Council positions open for a 4-year term.

The seats are currently held by Kaity Olson-Brett and Shar-mayne Erhardt.

Deadline to file petitions: 4:00 p.m. April 6, 2026

Contact City Auditor Lynne Jacobson to obtain the forms at 843-7589 or email [cityofalmont@westriv.com](mailto:cityofalmont@westriv.com)

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MORTON COUNTY, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

In the matter of the petition for name change of Xyla Pearl Custer, a minor child

### NOTICE OF PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE

1. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a petition will be filed by the Petitioner with the above-entitled court requesting an Order changing the name of Xyla Pearl Custer to Xyla Pearl Peterson.

2. NOTICE IT FUTHER GIVEN that thirty days after publication, the Petitioner intends to file a petition requesting entry of the Court's Order changing the name of the minor child. Any objection to granting this name change must be given in writing to the address listed below within 30 days of the date of this publication. The written objection must also be filed with the Court. If no objections are given, the Court may respond to the Petition without further hearing.

Dated 2-24-2026  
Chelsea Peterson  
Petitioner  
2003 Marina RD SE 209  
Mandan, ND 58554

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MORTON COUNTY, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

In the matter of the petition for name change of Adaleigh Grace Bubach, a minor child

### NOTICE OF PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE

1. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a petition will be filed by the Petitioner with the above-entitled court requesting an Order changing the name of Adaleigh Grace Bubach to Adaleigh Grace Paul.

2. NOTICE IT FUTHER GIVEN that thirty days after publication, the Petitioner intends to file a petition requesting entry of the Court's Order changing the name of the minor child. Any objection to granting this name change must be given in writing to the address listed below within 30 days of the date of this publication. The written objection must also be filed with the Court. If no objections are given, the Court may respond to the Petition without further hearing.

Dated 3-9-2026  
Stephanie Paul  
Petitioner  
3151 N 19th St  
Bismarck, ND 58503

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### NOTICE OF ELECTION FILING DATE

2026 New Salem-Almont School Board Candidate Deadline for Filing - April 6, 2026

Members Up for Election on June 9, 2026  
Area 1 (City of New Salem) -Jackie Lausch -3-year term  
Area 2 (North of Highway 10) -Monica Reiner-Pletan -3-year term  
Area 4 (Almont-Sims) -Mark Feland -2-year term

Interested candidates must live within the geographic boundaries of the area represented, but will be voted on at large. Any-one interested in filing for these positions must complete the Affidavit of Candidacy and Statement of Interests forms. The required forms are available at the high school office or on the school's website under the School Board Information page.

Completed forms must be delivered by 4:00 p.m. on April 6, 2026,

to:  
Annie Dukart, Business Manager  
New Salem-Almont School District #49  
PO Box 378, 310 Elm Avenue  
New Salem, ND 58563

The election will be held on Tuesday, June 9, 2026.

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