



Obituaries

Jerome "Jerry" Clark

March 24, 1955-Feb. 12, 2026

Jerome "Jerry" Clark, Minot, formerly from Stanley and Plaza, passed away after a courageous battle with lung cancer on February 12, 2026, in a Rochester, MN hospital.

Jerome Lee Clark was born on March 24, 1955, a son of Francis and Regina (Kuster) Clark in Minot, ND. Jerry was raised on the family farm near Stanley, ND and graduated from Stanley High School in 1973.

On April 26, 1980, Jerry was united in marriage to Cynthia "Cindy" Bachmeier. They made their home on the Clark farm near Stanley, before moving to Minot.

Jerry was a very active member of the Knights of Columbus #9906, and a Fourth Degree Knight with the Msgr. Joseph J. Raith Assembly #787.

Jerry is survived by his wife of 45 years, Cindy; children, Scott Clark and his children, Timothy J. (Ginny) Clark and their children, and Amanda Clark; siblings, Clarine Sandstrom, Janene (Harlan) Lee, Mike (Cheryl) Clark, Jim (Dianne) Clark, Kathryn (Randy) Mackey, Deann (Bob) Bergan; in-laws, Char (Fred) Beehler, Ron (Mary) Bachmeier, Larry (Ruth) Bachmeier, Sharon (Ron) Donamaria, Sandy (Mark) Klimpel, Tami (Randy) Christenson, Judy Ressler; several nieces, nephews and cousins also survive.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents; in-laws, Mathias and Elaine Bachmeier; and brothers-in-law, Donnie Sandstrom, Duane Bachmeier and Clarence Ulledahl Jr.

Visitation will be held on Friday, February 27, 2026, from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at Thompson-Larson Funeral Home Chapel, Minot with a vigil prayer service at 6:00 p.m.

Mass of Christian burial will be held on Saturday, February 28, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, Minot. The service will be livestreamed for the public to view and can be accessed by going to Thompson-Larson Funeral Home's YouTube channel at <https://youtube.com/live/uMDwIxDKjs4?feature=share>.

Burial will be held at Sunset Memorial Gardens, Minot.

In lieu of flowers, the family prefers plants or memorials to the family.

Those wishing to sign the online register and share memories may access the online obituaries section at www.thompsonlarson.com.

(Thompson Larson Funeral Home, Minot)

Orville Harstad

Orville Harstad, 93, of Stanley, ND, passed away on Saturday, February 21, 2026, at the Mountrail County Medical Center in Stanley, ND.

There will be a public visitation held at the Springan Stevenson Funeral Home from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 2, 2026, with a family service to follow and begin at 5:30 p.m. Orville's funeral service will be held on Tuesday, March 3, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. at the Knife River Church in Stanley, ND. Don Longmuir will officiate. Orville will be laid to rest at the Knife River Cemetery in Stanley, ND. A full obituary will be printed next week.

The funeral service will be recorded and uploaded, you can view Orville's service directly on his obituary page on the website www.springanstevenson.com.

Springan Stevenson Funeral Home of Stanley have been entrusted with arrangements and services. Friends may sign the on-line register and give their condolences at www.springanstevenson.com.

Lori A.

Hansen-Gustafson

Lori A. Hansen-Gustafson, 61, of Stanley, ND passed away on Monday, February 16, 2026, at Altru Hospital in Grand Forks, ND.

No services are scheduled at this time.

(Norman Funeral Home, Grand Forks, ND)

Brittany Pipes

Brittany Pipes, 33, Parshall, ND died Saturday, February 14, 2026, in Minot.

(Langhans Funeral Home, Parshall, ND)

Paul Reed Jr.

Paul Reed Jr., 70, of Minot, formerly of New Town, died Wednesday, February 18, 2026 at his home.

(Langhans Funeral Home, Parshall, ND)

Carl Howling Wolf

Carl Howling Wolf, 70, of Bismarck, formerly of Parshall, died Sunday, February 22, 2026, at a Bismarck hospital.

(Langhans Funeral Home, Parshall, ND)

NDSU College Of Business Launches Center For Banking And Finance

NDSU's College of Business has launched the Center for Banking and Finance, a new academic and industry engaged hub designed to prepare students for careers in banking and finance while supporting the evolving workforce needs of the region's financial industry.

Announced during a press conference at NDSU's Louise Auditorium at Barry Hall, the center brings together students, faculty and industry partners to expand experiential learning opportunities, strengthen connections to employers, and address emerging trends shaping the financial services industry. The center is housed within NDSU's College of Business and builds on growing student interest in finance related programs.

"The Center for Banking and Finance reflects NDSU's responsibility as a student focused, land grant, research university to respond to workforce and economic needs across our state and region," said Interim President Rick Berg. "By connecting education, industry, and community, this center helps ensure our graduates are prepared to contribute on day one and throughout their careers."

The center will support undergraduate and graduate students through hands on learning experiences, exposure to financial tools

USDA Announces Enrollment Period For Farmer Bridge Payments

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Brooke Rollins last week announced the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is opening the enrollment period for the Farmer Bridge Assistance (FBA) program, providing \$11 billion in one-time bridge payments to row crop producers in response to temporary trade market disruptions and increased production costs. The FBA enrollment period opens February 23 and closes April 17, 2026.

"Improving the farm economy is our top priority at USDA, and we have simplified and streamlined the application process for the bridge program to ensure producers get the financial assistance they need as quickly as possible as we're kicking off the spring planting season. President Trump continues to put farmers first. If our farmers are not economically able to continue their operations, then we will not be able to feed ourselves in this country," said Secretary Brooke Rollins. "Producers who want to further expedite their payment, can apply online through the program website and could receive a payment in their bank account as early as February 28, 2026. Putting Farmers First means providing economic relief now while the Trump Administration continues opening new markets and strengthening the farm safety net."

These bridge payments are authorized under the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act and are administered by the Farm Service Agency (FSA). Bridge payments are intended in part to aid farmers until historic investments from the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA), including reference prices which are set to increase between 10-21 percent for major covered commodities and will reach eligible farmers after October 1, 2026.

Pre-filled applications will be available online to producers with a Login.gov account who timely filed their 2025 crop acreage report for eligible commodities. Producers who have a Login.gov account can access and submit their pre-filled application from fsa.usda.gov/fba. Additionally, producers can also request their pre-filled FBA application from their FSA county office.

April 17, 2026, is the deadline to submit completed FBA applications. Producers can complete FBA applications online or submit to their FSA county office.

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and technologies, and direct engagement with financial institutions, regulators and business leaders. It will also serve professionals already working in banking and finance through workshops, training and research informed programming aligned with business needs.

"The Center for Banking and Finance is about momentum - students who are eager to learn, faculty who are pushing applied scholarship forward, and industry partners who want to shape the future workforce," said Kathryn Birkeland, Ronald and Kaye Olson dean of the NDSU College of Business. "When education and industry move together, everyone benefits."

The launch of the Center for Banking and Finance coincides with a series of regional events focused on finance, fintech and economic outlook, including programming with the Bank of North Dakota, the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis and regional business leaders. Together, these events underscore the Fargo Moorhead area's role as a hub for financial dialogue, talent development and economic collaboration.

The center's foundational banking partners include Dacotah Bank, Gate City Bank, Bell Bank and Western State Bank who attended the launch and are helping shape

count for government. Producers can use one account and password for secure, private access to participating government agencies, including FSA.

To apply for FBA online, producers can start by visiting fsa.usda.gov/fba to create their Login.gov account. Producers who have an existing Login.gov account can work with FSA using their existing account.

With a secure Login.gov account, producers can be amongst the first to apply for FBA, allowing them to view, certify, and submit their application as well as track their application and payment status.

For assistance creating a Login.gov account, visit <https://login.gov/help>.

The following commodities are eligible for FBA: Barley, Chickpeas, Corn, Cotton, Lentils, Oats, Peanuts, Peas, Rice, Sorghum, Soybeans, Wheat, Canola, Crambe, Flax, Mustard, Rapeseed, Safflower, Sesame, and Sunflower.

All intended uses for FBA eligible commodities are eligible excluding grazing, experimental, green manure, left standing, or cover crops. Initial acres, double crop acres, and subsequently planted acres, are eligible. Prevent plant acres are not eligible.

Crop insurance linkage is not required; however, USDA strongly urges producers to take advantage of the new risk management tools provided for in OBBBA to best protect against future price risk and volatility.

In December, USDA released the payment rates by commodity.

FBA payment rates are based on 2025 planted acres, Economic Research Service cost of production, and the World Agriculture Supply and Demand Estimate Report.

On February 13, Secretary Rollins announced the Assistance for Specialty Crop Farmers (ASCF) program which provides a one-time bridge payment to help address market disruptions, elevated input costs, persistent inflation, and market losses from foreign competitors engaging in unfair trade practices that impede exports. Specialty crop producers have until March 13, 2026, to report 2025 acres to USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA).

More information on FBA and ASCF is available online at fsa.usda.gov/fba. Producers can also contact their local FSA county office.

early student experiences and industry-informed programming.

The center is led by Mark Jensen, a career banker and longtime adjunct instructor who joined NDSU full-time in 2026 as director of the Center for Banking and Finance.

"The Center for Banking and Finance is designed as a bridge," Jensen said. "It brings industry into the learning experience in meaningful ways, and it gives students clearer pathways into a wide range of banking and finance careers."

For students, the center represents a more direct bridge between academic study and professional opportunity.

"As a finance student, experiences outside the classroom make a real difference," said Tavian Nelson, a senior at NDSU majoring in finance. "Going into college, I knew I wanted to be involved in the finance program but was unsure of what that would look like once I graduated. The school has truly shaped my desired career outcomes with many hands-on experiences, professional leaders, and connections throughout my time here. This center will truly strengthen these experiences for students."

Initially, the center will focus on experiential learning opportunities, business partnerships and workforce aligned programming, with plans to expand offerings as partnerships and resources grow. The center is supported through external funding and business engagement.

More information about the Center for Banking and Finance is available at nds.edu/business/cbf.

AARP Fraud Alert: Keep An Eye Out For The Latest Travel Scams

Planning a winter escape? Don't let criminals ruin your trip with bogus deals, fake booking sites, or schemes designed to steal money or personal information.

Scammers create fake vacation rental listings, apply pressure to pay up-front through wire transfers, gift cards, or other hard-to-trace methods. If a host asks you to pay outside the official platform, it's a scam.

Be cautious of steeply discounted offers and use a credit card whenever possible for added fraud protection. Before booking, verify the company or property. Search the name along with keywords like "scam," "complaint," or "review" to see if other travelers have reported issues.

Staying alert and taking a few extra steps can help ensure your winter getaway is safe, fun, and scam-free.

Learn how to spot and avoid scams with AARP Fraud Watch Network™. Suspect a scam? Call the free helpline at 877-908-3360 and talk to one of AARP's fraud specialists about what to do next.

Explore North Dakota's Past: Summer History Camp For Grades 6-8

Get ready for an unforgettable journey through North Dakota's history! The State Historical Society of North Dakota is hosting an immersive camp June 15-19 for youth entering grades 6, 7, and 8. This program is facilitated by history and education experts and meets at three locations in Bismarck. Learn about history in a hands-on environment and earn a leather keychain badge upon completion of the week's activities.

June 15-16, North Dakota Heritage Center & State Museum, Bismarck. Sort artifacts like an archaeologist and curate collections like a museum specialist. Along the way, learn about trades used during the Lewis and Clark Expedition through hands-on activities and games.

June 17, Camp Hancock State Historic Site, Bismarck. Chart the changing environment at Camp Hancock, which was formerly a reporting station for the Signal Corps and later the U.S. Weather Bureau.

June 18, Former Governors' Mansion State Historic Site, Bismarck.

Relive the excitement of early home life for the state's first families and learn how to investigate history by studying clues left behind by the families.

June 19, ND Heritage Center & State Museum. Put your new history skills to the test through interactive hands-on programs.

Daily sessions are from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Check-in begins at 8:15 a.m., and pickup ends at 4:15 p.m. Campers are required to bring their own lunch, snacks, and refillable water bottle.

There is a weeklong camp fee to attend. Registration is required and closes Sunday, May 31. Reserve your child's spot and learn more about the session at SummerHistoryCamp.eventbrite.com. Space is limited.

For more information, contact Education Outreach Supervisor Madison Milbrath, shsprograms@nd.gov or 701-328-2794. Find upcoming State Historical Society of North Dakota events at history.nd.gov/events.

\$150 Million In Assistance Available For Sugar Producers

Senator John Hoeven, chairman of the Senate Agriculture Appropriations Committee and a senior member of the Senate Agriculture Committee, last week issued the following statement after the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced the availability of \$150 million of assistance for sugar producers. Hoeven worked with the Trump administration to make this assistance available, similar to the Farmer Bridge Assistance (FBA) program that began in December. USDA will work with sugar processors to deliver assistance to farmer-

members.

"This \$150 million in assistance builds upon the Farmer Bridge Assistance program, helping to support our sugar producers during times of market disruption and increased production costs," said Hoeven. "While there is more work to be done to help our sugar beet farmers through these challenging times, we appreciate USDA for working with us to make this assistance available, and we look forward to the administration finalizing its efforts with sugar beet cooperatives to get this help out to producers."

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INVITATION TO BID FOR 5-YEAR LEASE OF CITY-OWNED PASTURE

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the City of Stanley, North Dakota until **1:00 PM, on Monday, March 2, 2026**, for the lease of City-owned pasture consisting of approximately 71 acres located in the NW of Section 33, Township 156, Range 91 (fenced area north of the Little Knife Reservoir). Minimum bid shall be for no less than \$14.00 per acre per year.

Bidders shall submit their bid offer for the annual per acre amount in a sealed envelope and the face of the envelope shall be clearly marked "SEALED BID FOR PASTURE LEASE". Along with the bid for the annual per acre rental offer, bidders shall include their name, address and phone number in their bid offer. Bids shall be mailed or hand-delivered to the City of Stanley, Attn: City Auditor, 221 South Main Street, PO Box 249, Stanley ND 58784. All bids, whether mailed or hand-delivered, must be in the City Auditor's Office by the deadline of March 2, 2026, by 1:00 P.M.

Successful bidder shall be required to enter into a pasture lease agreement with the City of Stanley setting forth the terms for leasing City-owned pastureland. The lease will run for five years, and the annual rental payment will be calculated on the total acreage being offered for lease. The property shall only be used for ranching purposes, and all fences shall be maintained at the tenant's expense.

The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud on Monday, March 2, 2026 at 4:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers at Stanley City Hall, 221 South Main St, Stanley, ND. The Stanley City Council will take appropriate action on bids at their March 10, 2026 regular meeting. Any questions, call the City Auditor's Office at 701-628-2225.

The Stanley City Council reserves the right to reject any or all bids for any or no reason, to hold bids for thirty (30) days before awarding, and waive any defects therein.

Dated at Stanley, North Dakota this 13th day of February, 2026.

Ada Arneson
Stanley City Auditor



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