

# OBITS

## Dash Gregory Comford

April 4, 1952 - May 30, 2026

Michelle Effertz by his side, Dash Gregory Comford, age 74, died peacefully at CHI St. Alexius Hospital in Bismarck, ND on May 30, 2026.

A Celebration of his Life will be held at 11:00 am on June 20, 2026 at Eastgate Funeral and Cremation Service located at 3117 E. Century Avenue, Bismarck. He was cremated at his request and a burial of his ashes will be held at a later date.

Dash was the second eldest of four children born to Dash W. and H. Catherine Comford. He was born in Williston, ND on April 4, 1952, and was raised in Wildrose, ND. He graduated from Wildrose High School and attended North Dakota State University before deciding that college life was not for him.

Dash and Michelle were married on June 26, 2014, and lived adjacent to the 18th hole at the Painted Woods Golf Course near Washburn, ND, and spent their winters in Mesa, AZ.

While Dash did some farming, he worked in the Bakken oil field as an operator then sales for Dresser Atlas, and as a Consultant for North Plains Energy and others. He also worked as a realtor in Mesquite, NV. His glib and humorous nature closed a lot of sales, it is suspected sometimes the buyers weren't even sure what they had



bought. He was entrepreneurial in nature resulting in some great investments, others not so much.

Dash loved hunting, mostly deer, as well as golfing, fishing, sports betting and teasing others with his wit and quick mind. Late in life he enjoyed a couple of guided deer hunts in Kansas, proud of his trophy bucks. Nothing got him more excited than a big rack on a buck. When fishing, no matter how small, it was always a "keeper". He didn't have a favorite sports team, his favorite was the one he had placed a bet on. He and his Wildrose cohorts were fearless and ingenious when it came to pulling pranks. Their pranks were legendary, with Dash usually at the helm.

It is interesting that Dash

was a magnet for little kids. He was a big man, 6'4" and burly. Even with this size, he wasn't intimidating to the kids. He loved giving them rides on his side by side, and handing out silver dollars and popsicles. You had to be at least 5 years old to qualify for a silver dollar, though.

Dash had special relationships with his father-in-law, Gerald "Pat" Effertz, and stepson Shannon Fagerland from a prior marriage. Dash's selling a condo in Mesquite to Pat was the only way he would have met Michelle.

Dash is survived by his wife, Michelle Effertz; brother John Comford, West Sun City, AZ; sister Peggy Stromstad (Ron), White Earth Bay, ND; step-son Shannon Fagerland, Fargo, ND; niece Tanya Longoria, Sumner WA; nephews Carson Getzloff, Fargo, ND and Casey Getzloff, Eden Prairie, MN; niece Kendra Stromstad, Oakdale, MN and nephew Dane Stromstad, Sunrise, FL, many other nephews and nieces, and several great-nephews and nieces.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Dash W. and H. Catherine Comford, brother Steven Comford, and nephew Aaron Comford.

Visit [www.eastgatefuneral.com](http://www.eastgatefuneral.com) to view more details, sign the online guestbook and share memories of Dash.

# LEGALS

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ISSUANCE OF EDUCATION FACILITIES REVENUE BONDS UNDER THE MUNICIPAL INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ACT (UNIVERSITY OF MARY PROJECT)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Commission of the City of Wilton, North Dakota, will meet on June 17, 2026, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Wilton City Office, 121 Dakota Avenue, Wilton, North Dakota, for the purpose of holding a public hearing on a proposal that the City issue revenue bonds, in one or more series, under the Municipal Industrial Development Act, Chapter 40-57, Dakota N.D.C.C., in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$10,000,000 (the "Bonds"), in order to finance the Project described below.

The proceeds of the Bonds will be loaned by the City to the University of Mary, a North Dakota nonprofit corporation (the "University") for the following purposes:

(1) to refund and refinance a short term bank loan issued on May 14, 2026, the proceeds of which were used to currently refund and refinance the outstanding principal balance of Burleigh County's Education Facilities Revenue Bonds (University of Mary Project) Series 2016 (the "Refunding Project"), the proceeds of which were previously used to finance certain capital projects at the University's campus, located at 7500 University Drive, Bismarck, North Dakota (the "Campus"); and

(2) to finance certain costs of planning, permitting, constructing, improving, furnishing and/or equipping additional capital projects located on the Campus (the "Improvement Project"), including but not limited to (a) a new athletics complex and related master

landscaping, (b) a new campus welcome center, (c) a new residence hall, (d) various functionally related and subordinate facilities, and (e) reimbursement of the University for certain costs previously incurred by the University with respect to the Improvement Project (the Refunding Project and the Improvement Project being collectively the "Project"); and

(3) to pay the costs of issuing the Bonds.

The Project being financed, refinanced, or reimbursed from the proceeds of the Bonds will be owned and operated by the University and used in an integrated operation of the University. The Bonds will be issued as qualified 501(c)(3) bonds under Section 145 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

The bonds shall be limited obligations of the City payable solely from the revenue provided by the University and pledged to the payment thereof. No holder of any such bonds shall ever have the right to compel any exercise of the taxing power of the City to pay the bonds, or the interest thereon, nor to enforce payment against any property of the City.

The University is an institution of higher education with facilities in Bismarck, North Dakota, and competitors are hereby notified of that fact pursuant to Chapter 40-57, N.D.C.C. All persons interested may appear and be heard at the time and place set forth above or may submit their views in writing prior to the time specified for the public hearing.

(06-04-26, 06-11-26)

# DEATH NOTICES

Betty Werre

Betty Werre kept her feisty farm girl attitude until she died peacefully on Saturday, April 11, 2026, at St. Catherine South in Fargo, ND in the care of HIA Hospice. A memorial service will be held at Sunne Lutheran Church on Friday, June 12, 2026, at 1:30PM. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial will be in Sunne Lutheran Church Cemetery. For more information and top view the livestream, please visit [www.goetzfunderalhomes.com](http://www.goetzfunderalhomes.com)

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