

Obituaries/Church

Ronald Lynn Gotvaslee

November 24, 1958 - December 24, 2025

Ronald Lynn Gotvaslee, 67, of Norwich, ND passed away Wednesday, December 24, 2025 in his home.

Ronald was born November 24, 1958 to Olaf and Evelyn (Boutilier) Gotvaslee. He grew up on the family farm near Norwich and attended Granville Public School. After high school, Ron attended the State School of Science at Wahpeton ND where he learned the Auto Body trade. Shortly thereafter, he met his future wife, Sheila Klinkhamer. They married in 1981 and went on to raise four children and many family pets.

Ron worked for Burlington Northern for 9 years living two of those years in Aberdeen, SD. He spent a few winters being a stay-at-home Dad while Sheila worked. He enjoyed it as much as the kids.

In 1990, the family moved to Buffalo, MN. Ron was so happy on his little hobby farm. He could be found in his shop collecting, trading and working on his various projects, or listening to talk radio. He was known to try to mow and grill at the same time which tended to end in a similar way each time.

Ron worked for LORAM in Hamel, MN from 1990 until he retired. He was Lead Maintenance for the entire plant. Ron was a hard worker and won many awards through the years for his work.

Weekends he spent with family, fishing grilling or sitting around the fire at Ottertail or Maple Lake. Ron gardened during the summers, enjoyed auctions, hunting and camping. He ate healthy and had an affinity for chocolate and cooking creative dishes.

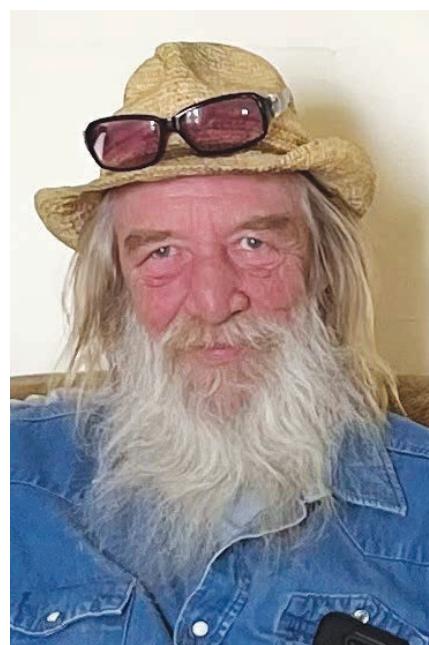
Throughout Ron's journey of moves with his family, his 1967 Pontiac GTO got towed along the way.

In 2018 Ron retired and moved back to North Dakota.

Ron is survived by his 4 children, Robyn Gotvaslee, Shayna Gotvaslee (Glenn), Dustin Gotvaslee, and Gina (Jay) Isaacson; grandchildren, Daniel, Jonah, Shaylee, Jacob, Savannah, Cameron, Yanna, Austin, Avery, Tamia, Julian, Kashuis and Dalila; former wife, Sheila; siblings, Carol (Steve) Smith and Brian (Laurie) Gotvaslee; and other extended family.

Ron was preceded in death by his parents, Olaf and Evelyn Gotvaslee; and brothers, Wayne and Kenneth.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, January 31 at 10:30 at the Norwich Lutheran Church in Norwich. The service will be livestreamed for the public to view and can be accessed by going to the Norwich Lutheran Church YouTube page at Granville Norwich Lutheran Parish - YouTube. Burial will take place at a later date. Another memorial service will be held in Alexandria, MN, at a later date. Those wishing to sign the online register and share memories may access the online obituaries section at (www.thompsonsonlarson.com).



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BIBLE
TRIVIA
by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of James (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Joshua 10, the sun stood still while Joshua's army destroyed what people? Amorites, Midianites, Egyptians, Philistines
3. How old was Abram when God changed his name to Abraham? J2, 17, 40, 99
4. From Genesis 9, who saw a rainbow in the sky? Adam, Moses, Noah, Abraham
5. Who was David's oldest brother? Jonah, Eliab, Joel, Agrippa
6. From 1 Samuel 2, how many more children did Hannah have? 5, 10, 15, 20

ANSWERS: 1) New, 2) Amorites, 3) 99, 4) Noah, 5) Eliab, 6) Five

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St. Francis Xavier's Catholic
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stfx@gondtc.com; 1st & 5th Sun-
days of the month 8 am*2nd Sun-
day 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
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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)

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Sunday Worship: 11:15a.m.

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

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United Methodist

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Worship Service: 8:30 am

Trinity Lutheran

Worship service-9:30am every
Sunday

**St. Margaret Mary's Catholic
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Rev. Tom Graner, 1st & 2nd Sun-
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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; Sun-
day School 9:00 am

Book of Jerry (Continued from Front Page)

and through national legal organizations, what impressed him most was "the Chief's" kindness.

"What stood out all the time is how attentive he was to everybody, and how kind he was to people, even though he was Chief Justice," McDonald said. "It constantly amazed me."

The other aspect was his sincerity and honesty, he said.

"He was extremely well respected by legislators no matter what and no matter what party it was," McDonald said.

VandeWalle's deep respect for the law and the standards of the legal system, as well as his egalitarian, humble and non-partisan nature, give him pause when looking at how the Supreme Court and other influential courts are now perceived at the national level, he said.

VandeWalle said framing by the national press over the years about liberal versus conservative judges – with stories often referring to the president and the politics of that president who appointed them instead of focusing more on the issues or decisions they preside over – is something that's bothered him for some time.

It hasn't helped that in recent years presidents have been playing into that and politicizing the courts.

"I'm concerned about the stature of courts generally after all this is through, because I think they're going to be considered just another branch of government," VandeWalle said.

Copies of the book will be available at the North Dakota Heritage Center and online.

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Upham News

Sympathy is extended to the friends and cousins of Even Garnant, he passed away on January 7th in Rugby. Services were held on Saturday, January 17th at the New Hope Lutheran Church in Upham.

Cole Strong, Scarlett, Max and Sawyer were Saturday callers at the Shirley Vormestrand home.

Mary Boehnke was a Friday afternoon caller at the Diana Brandt home. They had a good meeting.

Alan and Maria Vormestrand and Shirley Vormestrand were Saturday evening supper guests at the Carol Hashim's home.

Wesley Goodman and Mary Boehnke were among those that attended the benefit held for Richard O'Toole on Sunday.

Brian and Deana Tranby were Sunday callers at the Diana Brandt home.

Diana Brandt was among those that attended the benefit held on Sunday for Richard O'Toole.

Mary Boehnke was a caller Tuesday afternoon at the Diana Brandt home. Later, she went to Towner and attended some basketball games.

Alan and Maria Vormestrand and Shirley Vormestrand attended the benefit held for Richard O'Toole on Sunday.

On Monday, John Brandt and Brian Tranby were callers at the Diana Brandt home, they put out a hay bale for the horses.

Happy Birthday to Mary Gorgi, Will Torr and Bill Petersen.

"Happiness adds and multiplies as we divide it with others."

THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose
under heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die;
A time to plant, and a time to pluck what is planted;
A time to kill, and a time to heal;
A time to break down, and a time to build up....

Ecclesiastes 3:1-3

Aztec Sun Stone Calendar



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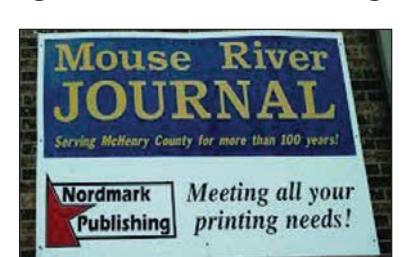
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First Lutheran Church

9:30 am church services.

Notre Dame Catholic Church

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