

Obituary



Clyde Reimche

Clyde Reimche, 67, Martin, ND died on Friday, May 30, 2025 at his home south of Martin. Funeral services were held at the Cornerstone Community Church South Campus on Saturday, June 7, 2025. Burial was in the Country Mennonite Brethren Cemetery, rural Harvey.

Clyde Douglas Reimche was born January 27, 1958, to Charles and Dolly (DeLores Delk) Reimche in Harvey, ND. Clyde was diagnosed with ALS in the fall of 2022, but he never let it steal his joy. He fully believed that God was going to heal his body, and he kept that faith until the end. He passed away peacefully at home with his wife by his side while she was making his favorite chicken dinner. Clyde grew up on the family farm near Martin, ND. He graduated from Harvey High School in 1976 where he was an active member in FFA. Apparently, there are many stories to be told about that class! He went on to Bismarck Junior College for a 2-year degree in Farm & Ranch Management. Clyde told everyone that he paid for his college with money from his cattle herd and custom baling business. After college, Clyde moved back to the family farm where he pursued his passion for farming and raising registered Black Angus cattle with his dad. He later took over the farm and enjoyed watching his love for farming carry through to the next generations. Although Clyde was not able to help as much in the last couple years, he gracefully shifted to the role of “chief overseer of all farm operations.”

Clyde married Brenda Hart on March 31, 1979 when his parents told him that he should get a farmwife to help him. He saw that she could drive a tractor, and he also needed a combine driver. They spent 46 years farming and ranching together side by side. They raised 2 children, Amanda Joy and Eric Douglas. Clyde was a member of the Mennonite Brethren Church (Cornerstone Community Church) and gave pastors a run for their money as he always told them “I wasn’t late, you just started too early!” or “When I get there, then you can start preaching!” He served on the cemetery committee and always told people he enjoyed it because he could say and do whatever he wanted without a single complaint! Clyde served as a supervisor on the

Berlin Township Board for over 45 years. He planted food plots for North Dakota Game & Fish for many years. Clyde was always willing to help someone out. He loved giving people advice whether they asked for it or not. He would usually remark “They must think I’m pretty smart.” Clyde could strike up a conversation with anyone, and it seems he never knew a stranger.

Clyde had a positive and faithful outlook on life and shared it with many people. He was proud of his children and often commented on how lucky he was to have his family living within 10 miles of him. Clyde enjoyed farming with his son Eric, nephews Jess and Alec, sidekick Joe Faul, and regularly called on his mechanic son-in-law Jeffrey. Amanda was his “favorite daughter,” and he was proud of all the things she did in life. He was her prayerful warrior as she journeyed through a cancer diagnosis and overcame. He was proud of teaching his grandchildren the love of God. His grandkids Madison, Rebekah, Cayden, and Maryn, and “bonus grandkids” Carson, Grant, Zoey, and Graham were the highlight of his life. He enjoyed teaching them how to drive at a young age, whether it was a tractor or his pickup. He loved watching them perform in music at church and all their extracurricular activities when he was able. Checking up on Madison and Rebekah with Life 360 on his phone was a big part of his day! His last social outing was his granddaughter Madison’s high school graduation – he didn’t want to miss it.

Clyde was never short on sharing stories and his love and faith in God. He will be missed by all who knew him, especially his family and friends. We treasure the time and memories with Clyde and find comfort and hope knowing he has entered his heavenly home.

Clyde is survived by the love of his life, Brenda of Martin, ND; his children, Amanda (Jeff) Schimke of Martin, ND, and Eric (Kacie) Reimche of Martin, ND; farming nephews Jess (Sarah) Reimche of Martin, ND, and Alec (Paige) Reimche of Martin, ND; special friends, Joe (Ruth) Faul family of Harvey, ND; grandchildren, Madison & Rebekah Schimke, Cayden & Maryn Reimche, Carson, Grant and Zoey Reimche, and Graham Reimche; God children Michelle (Rader) Gangl of Solen, ND, and Kyle Hart of Chaseley, ND; siblings Tom (Marcie) Reimche of Wahpeton, ND, Richard (Cheryl) Reimche of Troutdale, OR, Starla (Dave) Gerber of Wichita, KS, and Tim (Tammy) Reimche of Scottsdale, AZ; aunt, Alice Martin of Bismarck, ND; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and in-laws. Clyde was preceded in death by his parents.

Arrangements with Hertz Funeral Home, Harvey, ND. Share online at www.hertzfuneralhomes.com

Park board adds three to board

By **ALLAN TINKER**

After a call to order by President Jerri Van Sandt, the Park District of McClusky approved, as first item of business on June 2, the nominations of three new members, Shirley Murray, Samantha Roubal and Melissa Lauer. The nominations were unanimously approved.

The Oaths of office will be administered at the next city meeting.

The Park District will retain its Post Office Box for all park board business, strongly affirmed by new member Shirley Murray. Documents sent to individuals instead of the official responsible for the records and accounting often result in untimely handling of payments so billing for the board’s clear reconciliation of accounts. Marlo Clark is recording the minutes for the park board.

The review and approval of the minutes for the prior meeting for May 5 as corrected were approved, 4-0. “There were significant financial re-

port corrections,” stated Van Sandt.

The 2024 budget year-end corrections resulted in delayed deposits on May 12.

New business noted that there was a need for a pull-behind rake, a push mower, leaf blower, and Van Sandt noted that Lane Rhoads’ inspection of the lawn mower showed a spindle in bad shape as well as the need for new mower blades. All were approved along with the transfer of files, documents, keys and checks.

Work report updates showed “excellent work being done by the park workers, swimming pool manager Lindsey Abrahamson, and cemetery manager Tammy Nordquist operators,” said Van Sandt, “Cole Jorgenson is a new lifeguard, currently taking the test. First week of June was set for pool opening, weather cooperating, after water is heated to safe temperature, training is completed, and a water test passes”.

Old parts and miscellaneous other items will be looked at to

see if any can be sold for parts to interested buyers, these items are the ones in the cemetery/park storage facilities.’

The bills were reviewed and missing quarterly reports were re-entered t

Discussion included that last year’s financials are still not reconciled with bank statements Also discussed was the difficulty in managing budgets and being accurate when bills and deposits are not recorded promptly. Balance sheet for cemetery is still -\$12,000. Van Sandt stated she submits deposits slips on the same day the deposit is done and also noted on deposit slips and deposit receipts the category to be recorded. She was doing separate deposit slips for pool, cemetery, RV parking and others. “The board needs to see all what happens in the prior month to manage the budget”, she stated. It

Van Sandt’s official last day of work for the board was recognized as June 3.

Dakota Gardener

By Tom Kalb, Horticulture, NDSU Extension

The best new fruit for the Dakotas

Haskaps are easy to grow in North Dakota and taste delicious.

It’s fun to grow new fruit crops.

Common fruits like apples and strawberries are okay, but there’s nothing special about them. It’s more exciting to grow—and taste—an exotic, new fruit.

I have seen lots of promising fruits over the past 15 years in North Dakota. These include seaberry, silverberry, lingonberry, goji berry, goumi, kiwi, blackberry, mountainash, pawpaw, and the list goes on.

They all disappoint. Many of these crops can’t survive our cold winters. The other crops ripen too late or grow on branches with vicious thorns. A few of the crops grow well but taste terrible.

One new fruit crop has stood out in our gardens. It is easy to grow and tastes delicious. This fruit is the haskap, also called honeyberry.

It’s easy to grow haskaps. They can survive our worst winters. They have no major insect pests or diseases. Haskaps thrive in our prairie soils.

Millions of haskap shrubs are grown in the prairie provinces of Canada. Any crop that can survive the Canadian prairie will survive in the Da-

kotas.

Best of all, haskaps are absolutely delicious. The fruits are larger and sweeter than blueberries. They taste like blueberries with essences of raspberries and cherries. The fruits have thin skins and will melt in your mouth!

Speaking of blueberries, they are almost impossible to grow here. Our soils are too alkaline, our winters are too cold, and our climate is too dry. Most blueberry shrubs planted in our state will die within a couple years.

Forget about blueberries. We’ve got haskaps to grow.

Many of us have never eaten a haskap before. That’s because they are hard to grow on commercial fruit farms. The fruits do not ripen uniformly and have a tendency to drop when ripe. This makes mechanical harvesting very difficult.

Breeders from North Dakota State University, the University of Saskatchewan and fruit companies are working to develop varieties that can be harvested mechanically. Progress is being made, but it is slow.

Gardeners don’t have to worry about mechanical harvesting. We can go out to our backyards and harvest the fruits as they ripen and before

they drop to the ground.

The biggest challenge when growing haskaps are birds. Haskaps are the first fruits to ripen and birds love them. You must place netting over the shrubs a couple weeks after flowering to shield the fruits from birds.

Haskap plants are becoming more available at local garden centers, and several companies sell the plants online. These include HoneyberryUSA, One Green World, Haskap Oregon and Jung. Do a search on Google and you can find more sources.

You need to plant at least two compatible varieties for cross-pollination and maximum yields. When buying a haskap plant, look to see which variety your plant is compatible with.

The most promising varieties in our North Dakota State University trials come from Japan. These shrubs are productive and easy to harvest due to their upright habit and sparse foliage. These promising varieties include Solo and Maxie of the Yezberry series, Opus, Kawai and Keiko.

If you are looking for a new fruit crop, I encourage you to try haskap. It is easy to grow and tastes yummy!

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of many members. Careerism renders members vulnerable to partisan political jabs, attacks and means of coercion, including those unleashed by an authoritarian who intimidates and threatens members with primary opponents. It must also be emphasized that when party leadership is subordinate to the president, as the GOP is now, Congress will

be weak. In this case, party allegiance blurs and even obliterates the separation of powers and checks and balances. And then there is the desire of members to ascend to the presidency, which compromises the performance of their duties and responsibilities. In many cases, we should conclude, the difference in behavior between judges and

congressmen just might be found in backbone, the courage to carry out one’s oath of office and the willingness to do the right thing which, in our time, is the constitutional thing.

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