

Obituary



**Roger Heth
1957-2025**

Roger Heth passed away from a heart attack on Saturday February 22nd, 2025 while skiing in Whitefish Montana. He passed away doing something he loved, on a mountain he loved, with some of the people he loved most. His funeral services will be held on Saturday March 8th at 10am at the Presbyterian Church in Westhope. He will be interred at the Veteran's Cemetery in Mandan, ND March 10th at 1pm.

He was born to LeRoy and Marlene {Himle} Heth in Kenmare, ND. The first 9 years of his life were spent in Flaxton with his older brothers, Stanley and Steve, and his younger sister Robin. In September 1967, they moved to a family farm near Antler originally owned by his great grandpa, Ole E. Himle. Roger grew up helping his dad farm. He graduated from Westhope High School in the class of 1975. Roger followed in his father's footsteps by joining the United States Marine Corps, and left for boot camp the summer of 1975. He graduated from boot camp in Parris Island, California with his cousin Jeff Aalund. He completed Armor School at Ft. Knox, KY and then served as a tank crewman/commander during his 4 year enlistment. He was stationed in Italy, Camp Lejeune, Okinawa Japan, and 29 Palms CA. He was honorably discharged in June 1979 as an E5. After returning to North Dakota he lived in Fargo shortly. In November 1981, he moved back to the family farm and soon started his own business, Range Roofing and Construction with his cousin Jerome Heth. A recruiter for the ND Army National Guard hounded him until he finally attended one drill in Bottineau. He joined in 1983 and served as a Combat Engineer. He met Valerie Huss in the Bottineau Engineer unit and they were married on August 20, 1988. In 2002 the family started raising pheasants and began the journey of Range Hunting Preserve. He retired from the NDNG June 1, 1999 with over 20 years of military service. Roger continued with the construction business until his death. He was especially proud of his restoration projects like the Antler Bank, Lilly House, Burke County World War I Memorial Building in Flaxton, and Joann Burjak's house. He never met a project too big to take on.

Roger and Valerie raised 5 children on the Heth farm. Roger never stopped remodeling and adding onto it. It stands as a testament to his amazing craftsmanship, vision, and wood working skills. He built, fixed, fabricated, and modified countless vehicles and machines over the course of his life. He always had 10 projects started, 2 tore apart in his shop, and 20 more planned. He loved museums, military history, antique stores, traveling, skiing, snorkeling, Halloween, MeTV shows, and YouTube tours of castles. He was known to be a fantastic dancer, artist, harmonica player, and marksman. He had an incredibly wide knowledge of facts and was rarely wrong when google fact checked by skeptics. He was the biggest personality in any room, a natural comedian, and was born to be a storyteller. He planted as many trees as he could on the Heth farm and was a proud winner of the 2014 Soil Conservation Award from the Mouse River Soil Conservation.

He was preceded in death by grandparents Ted and Allie Himle, Alfred and Edna Heth, Father LeRoy Heth, Niece Jenna Tolstad, and one grandchild. Mother in law Leona Huss. Uncles and Aunts Jerry Heth, Robert and Geri (Feland) Himle, Ronald and Jeanie (Himle) Aalund, Jeanette (Himle) Larson, Gordon (Buzzie) Himle and cousin Robbie Conway.

He is survived by his wife Valerie {Huss} Heth, children Tina {Drew} Dockter of Valley City, ND, Krystal {Kyle} Heidema of Belgrade, MT, Jonathan Heth of Minot, ND, Erik Heth of Westhope, ND, and Leah Heth of Antler, grandchildren Piper and Olivia Dockter, mother Marlene {Himle} Heth of Bottineau, ND, brothers and sister Stanley {Lavonne} of Paola, KS, Steven {Ginny} of Westhope, Robin {Dwight} Tolstad of Westhope,

nephews Christopher {Tiffany} Heth of Minot, James {Holly} Heth of Hazen, ND, Aaron {Samantha} Heth of West Fargo, Devin {Kate} Tolstad of rural Landa, Preston {Heidi} Tolstad of Nevis MN, and niece Kristie {Robert} Chavez of Paola, KS. His father-in-law Hillary Huss with sister-in-law Nichole {Clint} Batten (Huss) and brother-in-law Jim {DeeAnn} Huss. Uncles and Aunts Harriet (Zechariah) Heth of Lignite, Gary Larson of Ham Lake MN, Willard and Marjorie Steinhaus of Minot, Donald and Judy Himle of Seattle WA, Rodney and Shirley Conway of Minot, and numerous cousins.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations to be made to the Turtle Mountain Cancer Support Inc. of Bottineau, ND.

Rural Antler Devotions Pastor Mars Harper

Jesus shines the light toward salvation

While researching the Transfiguration of Christ, I was speaking with a friend about the weather, and he reminded me that summer was coming. I then made a joke about how white my legs will be when I put my shorts on for the first time this year. I warned him that my legs might be so white that I might blind everyone with them. Now you may wonder, what do my fish-white legs have to do with the Transfiguration of our Lord? The truth is that they really don't. The comparison is not remotely close to what Jesus goes through and yet, it does in that we as humans will try to make ourselves and the world, more important than what Christ has done for us.

Here is what I mean by this, in Luke 9:33 we read about the apostle Peter and his response to seeing Moses, Elijah and Jesus in their glorified bodies. Peter says: "Master, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah". In his awestruck wonder, Peter says something that essentially isn't right because he offers to build three tents, one for each of them. Luke 9:33 goes on to say that Peter didn't understand what he was saying, because what he is offering them is like a downgrade from first class to a seat on the wing. That can be a problem for us as well, for we often offer our earthly things as something holy, when in reality, what we are really doing is trying to use our sinful things as something worthy of salvation.

Ultimately, this is because we often miss the significance of the Transfiguration itself. We offer the things that we have because we are focused on ourselves and not on the truth. Luke 9:34-36 shows us however, what our focus really should be on where it says: "As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them,

and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, 'This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!' And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone." This divine proclamation affirmed not only Jesus' identity as the Son of God, it also emphasized the importance of listening to Jesus and Him alone.

That is the reason that we celebrate the transfiguration of Christ, because in the end it is in Jesus alone that we should place our trust. We are shown through these proofs recorded in Scripture that Jesus wasn't just showing off His untanned legs in the spring, He was showing us His true glory out of love for us. We are given the Transfiguration to remind us that Jesus has something greater intended for us. Jesus has provided this for us by His completed work on the cross in which He died to save us from our sins and make a way for us to come home to our loving Savior.

Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Enforcement Campaign Kicks-off March 1.

Minot, N.D. – In 2023 in North Dakota, 36% of fatal traffic crashes were alcohol-related. Through the month of March, law enforcement across the state will have extra patrols to remove impaired drivers from the road during Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over.

Alcohol-related crashes in North Dakota occur about every 13 hours, but each of these crashes are 100% preventable by driving sober or finding a sober ride.

"One moment of poor judgment can impact lives in ways you can't take back. Plan ahead by choosing a designated driver or use a ride hailing service to get home at the end of the night," said Burlington Police Chief Keith Crabb.

This campaign is part of the Vision Zero strategy to eliminate motor vehicle crash fatalities and serious injuries on North Dakota roads.

Visit the North Dakota Crash Memorial Wall to view memorials built on the hope of preventing another death on North Dakota roads.



Notice of meeting

Antler Rural Fire Protection District 53 Annual meeting

Tuesday, March 11th

6:00 pm

Antler Community Center

Mark Jorgensen, Secretary Treasurer



Notice of meeting

Bentnick Township Annual Meeting

Tuesday, March 18th

7:00 pm

Kent Huber Farm

For the purpose of electing 1 supervisor
any other business

Kent Huber, Clerk



Notice of meeting

Brander Township Annual Meeting

Tuesday, March 18th

7:00 pm

Farden Bank Maxbass

Any business to be brought before the meeting.

Shelby Schlag, Clerk



Notice of meeting

Kane Township Annual Meeting

Tuesday, March 18th

5:00 pm

Newburg Fire Station

For the purpose of electing 1 supervisor
any other business

Roberta Henry, Secretary Treasurer



Notice of meeting

Richburg Township Annual Meeting

Tuesday, March 18th

7:00 pm

Home of the Clerk

For the purpose of electing 1 supervisor and any other
business

Ginny Heth, Clerk/Treasurer



Notice of meeting

Sergius Township Annual Meeting

Tuesday, March 18th

6:00 pm

Keith Stratton Farm

For the purpose of electing 1 supervisor and any new
business.

Vanessa Belcourt, Clerk



Notice of meeting

Antler Township Annual Meeting

Tuesday, March 18th

10:00 am

Antler Community Center

For the purpose of electing 1 supervisor and any other
business.

Valerie Heth, Clerk/Treasurer

CENEX LUNCH SPECIALS

From March 5th to 12th

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chicken d' la King	Italian Wedding Soup	Tatortot Hotdish
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Caesar Wrap	Taco In a Bag	Hamburger Steak w Cheese Potatoes

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CHURCH NEWS

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Westhope
RANDY KIMPLAND

Sunday, March 9th
10:00 a.m. Worship

ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Westhope
Fr. Jared Kadlec

Sunday, March 9th
9:00 a.m. Mass

BETHLEHEM-ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Upham
REV. JON BONINE

Sunday, March 9th
9:45 BC/SS
11:00 Worship at Bethlehem

PRAIRIE HOPE MINISTRY

ELCA
Church Office @ Dovre: 272-6310

ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH

507 Costello St.
Maxbass

Sunday, March 9th
9:00 a.m.

DOVRE LUTHERAN CHURCH

311 4th Ave
Newburg

Sunday, March 9th
9:00 a.m.

BETHEL LUTHERAN BRETHREN CHURCH

Rural Antler
PASTOR MARS HARPER

Wednesday, March 5th
4:00 pm Confirmation
6:00 pm Awana Club

Sunday, March 9th
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Coffee Fellowship
11:00 am Worship

Wednesday, March 12th
4:00 pm Confirmation
6:00 pm Awana Club

Friday, March 14th
6:00 pm Bethel Crossed Bows
Club

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

225 Railway Ave E,
Westhope

Sunday, March 9th
Church at 9:00 a.m.

This Week on the Farm

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On the 26th, I woke up to an early birthday present: a baby girl, Alpine, whom I had been waiting for and hoping would be born. This was a pairing between Dill and one of our first freshmen, for whom I have big hopes. Sonora is what we decided to name her; she is just perfect. We must wait two long years to see how her udder is. That is the hardest part of these excellent breeding mixes we are working on; we haven't seen the results for two years. It makes it hard to know if you fix or improve any issues.

When we are a few weeks away from being done with bottle babies, we start again by adding Sonora; we are now back to overnight feeding every few hours. We still have several pregnant goats so that we will have more babies due. A few look very large, so we hope for healthy triplets—hopefully, not just big bucks.

We downsized our goat herd over the winter and will continue to downsize over the next few months. Life has thrown us so many curve balls over the last year. We have significant life changes coming and are trying to figure out how everything will go.

I'm sorry I haven't been able to post articles for some weeks. Life has been so busy that I haven't had time to sit down and write. Hopefully, I will have more time to write over the next few weeks.

Oero went home to his family, and we have enjoyed having the fun of getting to raise him. I'm glad he is old enough for them to handle 2x a day bottles. He sure has grown in these last almost 8 weeks.

The bottle babies have been living in the coal room; it is not fully heated, but it is not cold or drafty. They have been doing fantastic; now and then, we let them come up and run around, and I see them check all over in a much better light. And, omg, Nova, or little Alpine Nubian cross, she went from the floor to on the island. We all stood there stunned, and she was so proud of herself. Thankfully, we snapped out of the shock and got her down before she broke anything. Silly goats.

I hope you all are enjoying this warm weather. We sure are.

Our contact information is the-goatmilk lady.com. Julia Pugh 701-228-4425. Please find us on FB, IG, TikTok, and YouTube.

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Current Markets

On 3-3-25

Chick Peas	no bid	
Canola	17.92	
Corn	3.77	
Durum Milling	7.25	
Feed Barley	2.50	
Flax	13.25	
Malting Barley	0.00	
Oats	3.25	
Soybeans	8.76	
Spring Wheat	5.39	
Wheat - Feed	no bid	
Winter Wheat	4.44	
Yellow Peas	7.00	

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