

Deaths



Eugene Kirschenmann

Eugene Kirschenmann passed away April 29, 2025 in Columbia, SC, at the age of 82.

Eugene was born at the family farm near Napoleon, on February 15, 1943, the first child of Emil and Frieda Kirschenmann. His youth was filled with working hard on the farm, weekend get-togethers with family and friends, hunting and fishing every chance he got, and skipping school.

He was a hard worker and always had an eye for value, buying his first Remington rifle of many at the age of twelve, with money he saved up from tanning pelts, his first car, a Plymouth convertible, at the age of 14, and one of his most memorable purchases, a new 1963 Impala SS with a Corvette engine, at the age of 20 (to the chagrin of Emil, who thought his son should have bought 200 acres of land instead of an expensive fast car). This was his car when he met Judith Ann Schell in Hardin, MT. It was also the car they drove away from their wedding in 1964, and the coupe they sold when they had their first child, Jeff Kirschenmann in 1965.

Seeking a better life for his family, a common theme for him, and the family moved to Libby, MT, in 1966 so he could work construction on the Libby Dam. Their second son, Scott Kirschenmann arrived in 1968. The town was a perfect fit for a construction worker who liked to hunt and fish, and Judy loved it too, having a long career in banking. It was a great place to raise a family and he loved Libby.

When the labor market cooled in the mid-70s, Eugene took a job near Skagway, AK, for a couple years. Then onto Iran,

where he worked a year or so till all foreigners had to leave in 1979. He loved to tell the stories of his far flung work and other stories if one had the time. He would work construction jobs in and around Libby till the toll of construction work led him to retirement around 2000.

Eugene lost Judy to cancer in 2000, and found life unfulfilling without his wife or career. He attended auctions (one of his passions) to pass the time. It was there he met Claudette Kelley and they struck up a friendship, both being widowed. They fell in love and were married. They loved to travel to rodeos and car races, watch TV together, and hang out with their 3 Pomeranians.

After many years of talking about it, they decided to move to Irmo, SC, in 2020, to be near Claudette's son, Sam Kelley, and his wife Bobbie. Eugene loved the warm weather and enjoyed the company of Sam and Bobbie and their daughters, Jordan Grubbs (David), Taylor Dry (Brandon), and Kamryn Coleman (Jake). They all welcomed him into their family and made sure Gene and Claudette were always taken care of.

He is survived by his wife, Claudette Kirschenmann, sons, Jeff Kirschenmann (Angelika) and Scott Kirschenmann (Hope); sisters, Evangeline Duenow and Linda Alley (Steve); brother, Steve Kirschenmann (Paulette); grandchildren, Chris Bailey (Alesha), Sara Kirschenmann (Ryan), Adam Kirschenmann (Hadassah), Sam Kirschenmann, and Joe Kirschenmann; and many nieces and nephews, great grandchildren, step and otherwise. He had many friends and loved ones in this world. He will be missed.

Services were held Friday, May 16, 2025, at Christ Lutheran Church in Libby, MT. Arrangements are under the care of Schnackenberg Funeral Home of Libby. Online condolences and memories may be shared by visiting www.schnackenbergfh.com.



Norman Hauck

Norman Hauck, 85, peacefully entered the presence of the Lord on May 3, 2025 at his most recent residence at Augusta Place Nursing Home in Bismarck, with his loving wife, Sharyn, at his side. A Memorial Service was held at 2:30 PM, Thursday, May 8, 2025, at DaWise-Perry/Mandan Crematory, 4211 Old Red Trail, Mandan. There was no visitation, as cremation has taken place.

Norman was born on March 15, 1940 to Adam and Rosina Hauck of rural Wishek. After graduating from Wishek High School, Norman helped farm with his father and also entered the National Guard.

In November of 1962, he married his young bride, Sharyn Becker, of Napoleon. In the early years of their marriage, they moved around North Dakota a bit as Norman worked for various ranchers. He then began driving semi-truck. In 1968, they purchased a farmstead 3 miles north of Napoleon that would become their home for about 50 years. Norm continued to drive truck for a number of years, while also farming and having livestock. He and Sharyn raised their children on the farm and

continued to live there until re-locating to Bismarck in 2019 due to increasing health concerns.

Norman had a deep love of animals and raised cattle and pigs primarily, along with a number of other livestock over the years. At any given time, you might have also seen sheep or goats or even a few horses on the farm. When not working on the farm, you could often find Norm buying or selling at one of the nearby sales barns in the area. He also grew to love auction sales and found great joy in hunting for a good deal – often to the chagrin of his wife who had to find room for more “treasures.”

Norman was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Napoleon for the better part of his adult life – where he often ushered.

For the last several years, Norman bravely battled cancer and Parkinsons Disease. He defied the odds in 2019 by fighting hard and ultimately giving his wife and children 6 more precious years with him. He rarely complained – even when physically struggling – and his priority was always making sure Sharyn was OK. After making the difficult choice to move Norm into a nursing home in late 2023, his family feared the worst for his health and overall demeanor. But much to everyone’s surprise, he began to thrive! His overall health began to improve, he looked forward to playing (and winning) bingo, and he even planted a carrot garden last summer – which was a source of great pride. Most importantly, he was still able to see Sharyn almost daily – and their time could be focused on being

together versus caretaking. Until the recent past, Norm continued to do well physically – and his family will be forever grateful for the last few bonus years with him. He will be remembered as a kind man – often of few words – who liked to gently tease and had a quick smile. He greatly valued his family – including his extended family – and their visits and calls were a source of enjoyment and encouragement to him.

Norman is survived by his loving wife of more than 62 years, Sharyn, two children: Marlin Hauck of Bismarck and Laura (Chad) Hood of St. Paul, MN, brother-in-law Eldon (Marlys) Becker of Pierre, SD, sister Betty Ruff of Jamestown, and many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents Adam and Rose Hauck, in-laws Raymond and Gladys Becker, and siblings Peter, Adelia, Helen, Arleen and Donald.

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