

# AREA DEATHS



**RONALD NELSON**

Ronald Nelson, a dedicated and inspiring figure, was born on February 9th, 1938, in Steele, ND. He passed away on September 1st, 2025, leaving behind a legacy of humility and empathy that touched all who knew him. Following High School he served for three years in the US Army. Ronald was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He was married to his devoted wife, LaVerna, on March 9th, 1958, and their love story spans over six decades. Together they raised their children – Connie, Bryan, and Jerry – in a household filled with love and steadfast values.

Ronald’s professional life was as remarkable as his personal one. He worked in the Federal Aviation Administration as an Aviation Inspector and later the Flight Standards Deputy Division Manager for the FAA Southwest Region. Prior to this, he showcased his skills as a mechanic and pilot. Ronald’s dedication to his occupation was evident in the numerous awards and recognitions he received before his retirement in 2004. Ronald’s humble nature never allowed these accolades to overshadow his empathetic spirit or his commitment to his colleagues.

Despite his busy schedule, Ronald always found time to enjoy his hobbies. He was passionate about hunting, fishing, camping, and traveling. Most importantly, he cherished spending time with his family, who were his greatest source of joy. Ronald is survived by his wife LaVerna; his children Connie, Bryan (Cheryl), and Jerry (Darla); his five grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents Clara and Homer Nelson, his brother Jerome Nelson, and his sister Helen Berg.

Services are under the direction of DaWise-Perry/ Mandan Crematory. Ronald’s life was an inspiring journey filled with dedication, humility, and empathy. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him. We encourage family and friends to share their memories of Ronald and upload photos to his memorial page as a way to celebrate his remarkable life.

Funeral Services will be held at DaWise-Perry / Mandan Crematory, Mandan, North Dakota, Wednesday, September 10, 2025, at 11:00 AM, with visitation the hour.



**TIM HARRIMAN**

Tim Harriman, 59 of Tappen, ND passed away August 28, 2025. Tim was born March 1, 1966 in Jamestown, ND to Donley and Esther (Binder) Harriman. He grew up and attended school in Pettibone, ND where he worked for local farmers and began driving truck in his teens. He was married and had a son, Tyler Harriman in 1989. He met Melody Strom in 2000 and spent the next 25 years building a beautiful life and memories together. Tim was the life of the party, always happy to visit and joke with anyone. He was always one to help a neighbor, friend or family. He was the proud grandpa to Kaleb, Andrew, and Charlie. He adored the boys and every opportunity he got to spend with them was greatly cherished. Tim will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Tim is survived by his fiancé Melody Strom; son Tyler & Ali and their 3 boys Kaleb, Andrew, and Charlie; two sisters Linda Kapp and Susie Guthmiller; two brothers Elroy (Elayne) Patzner and Troy (Katie) Naatus; sister-in-law Gail Patzner; along with many nieces and nephews.

Tim was preceded in death by his parents Donley and Esther Harriman, four sisters Donna (Sherl) Diede, Sandy Capps, Sheila Ringuette, Sherry Stanton, and one brother Leland Patzner.

A funeral service will be at 10:30AM, Friday, September 5, 2025 at Our Savior’s Lutheran Church, Pettibone. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at the church.

Burial will be at the Pettibone Bethlehem Cemetery, Pettibone.

Visit [www.eastgatefuneral.com](http://www.eastgatefuneral.com) to sign online guestbook and share memories.



**LARRY J. ROBINSON**

Larry J. Robinson, 75, Valley City, North Dakota, passed away Wednesday, September 3, 2025, at Abbott Northwestern Hospital, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Visitation will be held at St. Catherine Catholic Church, Valley City, on Tuesday, September 9 from 5 pm to 7 pm with a prayer vigil at 7 pm. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 am, Wednesday, September 10, at St. Catherine Catholic Church. Burial will be in Memory Gardens, Valley City.

Larry James Robinson, the son of Floyd and Denise (Kleiter) Robinson was born October 3, 1949, in Bismarck, ND. He graduated from Tappen High School and earned his B.S. degree in education from VCSU and his Master of Science degree in Educational Administration from NDSU. He started his career as a teacher in Warwick, ND then returned to VCSU.

Larry met his wife, Mary Lee Haugland, while working at the Viking News at VCSU. Following graduation, they were married and had two sons, James and Travis. To all who knew Larry, his family was his world and biggest accomplishments, especially his grandsons Alex, Max and Jax. To them, he was an ordinary person, their biggest supporter and sometimes voice of reason. He was a true legacy, and his favorite quote will live on as a reminder forever, “You’re not in control.”

Larry’s story is woven into the fabric of VCSU. A 1971 graduate, he dedicated more than 49 years of his career to advancing the mission of the university and spent 32 years as a Senator in the North Dakota State Legislature. The years overlapped as did many of his on campus and off campus jobs and legislative accomplishments. Beginning as Director of the Memorial Student Center and Student Activities in 1975, he later became the first Director of the

VCSU Foundation in 1996. As the VCSU Foundation Director and the Executive Director of University Advancement, Larry grew the Foundation from \$1.3 million in 1996 to \$24.4 million in 2024. Nearly all that growth has funded VCSU scholarships which have resulted in the record-breaking enrollment growth of the college that Larry loved. He would humbly point out that he didn’t do it alone, but it was his leadership and vision that made it happen.

In 2021, Larry was named Capital Campaign Director for VCSU which led to a major renovation of the McCarthy School of Education and the VCSU Tharaldson Athletic Center. In 2013, his leadership drove the funding of the Rhoades Science Center. In 2022 the 32-million-dollar state funded Larry J. Robinson Center for the Arts was finished on the VCSU campus. Larry was instrumental in securing the funding. He also played a major role in the funding and building of the Gaukler Wellness Center in Valley City. The Robinson Recovery Center in Fargo, ND is a bricks and mortar legislative accomplishment that Larry was largely responsible for. Larry Robinson was involved in countless other legislative initiatives that were always about helping the citizens of North Dakota. He truly cared about the least, the lost, and the last.

Larry’s involvement in Valley City organizations include Past President, Valley City Area Chamber of Commerce; Barnes County Wildlife Federation; Valley City Area Chamber of Commerce; Governor’s Alcohol & Drug Prevention Advisory Task Force; Legislative Council 1991- 2014; Member, VCSU–V-500; Century Club Scholarship; Organizations; Elks; Eagles; Knights of Colum-

bus; Kiwanis and member of St. Catherine Catholic Church. Larry is survived by his wife; son James (Mandi); grandchildren Alex, Max and Jax. He is also survived by his siblings Carl (Sheila) Robinson and Robin Robinson and many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents, his son Travis Robinson and his siblings Paul Robinson and Dennis (Bernie) Robinson. Memorials may be directed to the Valley City State Foundation – Larry Robinson Scholarship.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel, Valley City, ND. An online guestbook is available at [www.olivernathanchapel.com](http://www.olivernathanchapel.com)

## Cottonwood Golf Course Scam

Last week, the Ozone received a call from someone from Direct Fairways....(I believe that’s what they called themselves). They wanted to know if we wanted to buy a sponsorship for yardage books at Cottonwood Golf Course. As he explained what they were, I knew it was something the course would ask the Ozone to print if they were wanted, so I contacted a Cottonwood Board member. This company has not been hired to do anything for Cottonwood, so please do NOT give them a credit card or send them a check. When reviewing them online, there are multiple complaints. Although the company appears to be legit online...they were NOT contracted by Cottonwood and won’t be doing any work for them.

We sell printer paper by the ream or by the case!



Steele Ozone

115 1st Ave SE, Steele  
475-2513 or email [sop@bektel.com](mailto:sop@bektel.com)

## NOTICE TO CUT WEEDS AND GRASSES

Landowners or Operators are reminded that weeds and grasses along and on the right of way must be cut each FALL if over 3 inches in height and a width of 9 feet. NO Swathers Allowed.

**ALL ROADS, INCLUDING COUNTY AND TOWNSHIP ROADS**  
63-05-01 of the NDCC makes it the duty of landowners or operators of land along regularly traveled roads to cut weeds and grasses along such roads. If landowners or operators fail to do so, Section 63-05-03 of the NDCC makes it the duty of the township or county board to cause such weeds to be cut, the cost of cutting the weeds and grasses will be charged to the taxes of the landowner.

Operators are responsible for any state owned or school land.  
A poor job of mowing will not be accepted.  
No notices will be given-if not mowed, they will be mowed and you will be billed.

**Deadline for cutting is OCTOBER 1st,**  
after that date the weeds will be cut and the expense of \$200.00 per mile will be charged to their taxes.

**BY ORDER OF THE KIDDER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

(9/10, 9/17, 9/24 2025)

# Public Notice

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-2**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE COLLECTION OF OUTSTANDING UTILITY BILLS BY DCI CREDIT SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF TUTTLE, KIDDER COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA**

WHEREAS, the City of Tuttle shall utilize DCI Credit Services to collect all outstanding utility bills after two (2) quarters of non-payment; and,  
WHEREAS, the City of Tuttle Ordinance No. 42, section 5 shall be rescinded to above said resolution for all patrons to the City of Tuttle; and,  
WHEREAS, at the July 8, 2025, regular City Council meeting of the Tuttle City Council, the outstanding utility bills shall be collected by DCI Credit Services is found to be necessary.  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Tuttle, Kidder County, North Dakota, that the collection of outstanding bills to the City of Tuttle shall be collected by DCI Credit Services.

Dated this 8th day of July, 2025

Renae Witt  
City of Tuttle - Auditor  
<https://tuttlecitynd.weebly.com>