

David Bryon Lerud passed away on Sunday, January 18, 2026 at home with his family by his side.

Dave was born on July 10, 1953, in Fargo, North Dakota, to Betty (Adamson) and Lester Lerud. He grew up on a farm in Gardner, ND where he learned the value of hard work and perseverance. He was active in sports throughout his youth, playing football and basketball and running track. He graduated from Hendrum High School and later earned a degree in Environmental Systems and Plumbing from the North Dakota School of Science in Wahpeton.

Dave started out as a farmer and later took over Dakota Tours following his mother Betty's retirement. He went on to work with Games to Go before becoming the owner and operator of Games Galore. After retiring, he continued to stay active through his work at O'Reilly Auto Parts.

Dave was the proud father of three daughters and the loving grandfather of eight grandchildren. He shared a rich and active life with his partner, Tracy Powell. Dave enjoyed daily trips to the YMCA, and together he and Tracy spent time e-bike riding and enjoying life with their beloved dog, Melvin.

A devoted sports fan, Dave enthusiastically supported the NDSU Bison, Wisconsin Badgers, Minnesota Twins, and Minnesota Vikings. He lived an active lifestyle and was known for his humor, dedication to family, and enjoyment of life.

Dave was preceded in death by his parents, Lester and Betty Lerud; his brother, James Lerud; and his brother-in-law, Harlan Hamstad.

He is survived by his life partner, Tracy Powell; his daughters, Marie Jackson (David), Charlotte, NC, Lisa Wurth, Madison, WI, and Rita Rademacher (Aaron), Minneapolis, MN; his eight grandchildren, Avery, David, Ella, Kira, Kalaya, Kolton, Tilly, and Kayden; his sister, Janice Hamstad; his niece, Brenda Fiddle; and his nephew, Greg Hamstad.

Dave will be deeply missed and fondly remembered by all who knew and loved him.

IN LOVING MEMORY



DAVID BRYON LERUD

July 10, 1953 - January 18, 2026

A FRIENDLY SMILE
A CASUAL TOUCH,
THESE ARE THE THINGS
THAT MEAN SO MUCH,
TO KNOW YOU ARE WITH US
IN OUR TIME OF SORROW,
SHARING OUR PRAYER,
TODAY AND TOMORROW,
GOD GIVES US COMFORT
IN THE FORM OF GOOD FRIENDS,
MAY HIS PEACE BE WITH YOU,
HIS LOVE NEVER ENDS.



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Cremation • Burial

Remembering

DAVID LERUD

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Memorial Service

Friday, January 23, 2026 - 1:00 PM
Hanson-Runsvold Funeral Home
Fargo, North Dakota

Pastor John Fisher, *Officiant*
Rita Rademacher, *Urn Bearer*

Order of Service

Processional	
Words of Welcome	
Psalm 23	Dave Jackson
John 14	Aaron Rademacher
Song	"Amazing Grace"
Reading of the Obituary	
Eulogy	Marie Jackson
Sermon	
Song	"How Great Thou Art"
Prayer	
Recessional	"It Is Well With My Soul"

Honorary Pallbearers

Greg Hamstad - Jesse Fiddle - Mark Adamson
Darwin Adamson - Mason Fiddle
Chase Hamstad - Max Hamstad
Easton Fiddle - Mike Evans - The Y Guys

Interment

Nora Lutheran Church Cemetery
Gardner, North Dakota

All are invited for refreshments following the service.