

## Remembering Russell...

Russell Lee Bott was born January 8, 1945, in Minot, to Arthur and Edna (Grabow) Bott. He was raised on the original family homestead until the age of four. At that time, the family moved to the Grabow farm in Carbondale Township, Ward County, near Aurelia, where Russell spent the rest of his life.

He attended school in Donnybrook and graduated from Donnybrook High School in 1963. He attended two years at Minot State College, then joined the Army Reserves and proudly served for six years.

Russell married the love of his life, Marilyn (Boyd) Lawson in 1992. A lifelong farmer and rancher, he enjoyed working the land and tending to his cows. He retired from farming in 2021.

Russell was a member of the Clarence McCormack American Legion Post #195, of Donnybrook, for over 50 years. He served as the chaplain of the group for many years. He enjoyed watching basketball games and later volleyball matches especially after his grandchildren started playing, and also rodeos because of his granddaughters' participation. He loved to sing and sang in the church choir for many years.



# Russell Lee Bott

## DATE OF BIRTH

January 8, 1945

Minot, North Dakota

## DATE OF DEATH

February 6, 2026

Minot, North Dakota

*Eighty-one years, twenty-eight days*

## FUNERAL SERVICE

Vincent United Methodist Church

Minot, North Dakota

Friday—February 13, 2026—1:00 p.m.

## CLERGY

Pastor Mark Turner

## MUSIC

Congregational hymns, *What a Day That Will Be* (Song sheet) and *I'll Fly Away* (TFWS #2282)

Media selections, *You Raise Me Up* and *I Saw the Light*

Jon Rumney, Organist

## CASKET BEARERS

Austin Brown

Brett Rockeman

Bryce Boughton

Mark Rockeman

Clinton Crider

Myron Bjornstad

## BURIAL

Sunset Memorial Gardens  
Rural Minot, North Dakota

## MILITARY FUNERAL HONORS

Military honors provided by members of the U.S. Army National Guard, the Clarence McCormack American Legion Post #195, Donnybrook, and the William G. Carroll American Legion Post #26, Minot, North Dakota

## FAMILY

Wife of 33 years, Marilyn Bott

Stepdaughters, Terri (Jim) Brown and Gerilyn (Todd) Bauer  
Grandchildren, Austin Brown, Allysa Brown, Codey Bauer and Ashley Bauer;

Sister, Ardis Johnson; Nephew, Bryce Boughton;  
Niece, Stacy (Myron) Bjornstad; Great-Nieces, Elliana and Rosalie Bjornstad;

Shelly Martin, Michelle Cariveau and Sarah Berman;  
Great-Nephews, Griffin Bjornstad, James Foster and David Holland;

Aunts, Pearl Wright and Vicki Brown; Brother-in-Law, Lynn Couter;

Step-Nephews, Ron (Christine) Johnson and Rick Johnson;  
Step Great-Nephew, Andrew (Emma) Johnson;

and numerous Cousins

Russell was preceded in death by his Parents, Arthur and Edna Bott;  
Father- and Mother-in-Law, Jim "E.J." and Dollie Boyd;  
Sisters-in-Law, Carole Holland, Elaine Foster and Kathleen Couter;  
and Brother-in-law, Dallas Johnson

Following the funeral service, you are invited to a time of fellowship in the fellowship hall of the church. Please share your memories of Russell with us and one another. The graveside service will take place at 3:15 p.m. For safety reasons, there will not be a formal procession to the cemetery.