

Gary Brian Mackrill, age 69, of Cathay, ND passed away on September 13, 2023, in Fargo, North Dakota with his wife, Linda, by his side. He was born in Washington, DC to Judson and Phyllis Mackrill. He grew up in Virginia, where he first became interested in beekeeping as a merit badge project for Boy Scouts, eventually becoming the president of the Virginia Beekeepers Association when he was just sixteen.

He attended the University of Nebraska, Kearney where he became a Nebraska State Bee Inspector. Gary then eventually became a commercial beekeeper. He started his business in Burwell, NE where he met and married the love of his life, Linda Kay (Dawe) Mackrill on June 14, 1980.

Together, they moved their growing family to Cathay, ND in the spring of 1981. This is where they raised their three children, Jud, Melinda, and Amanda.

Gary dedicated his life to beekeeping, finding joy in his work and the people he worked alongside. He deeply loved producing high-quality honey. Gary cared greatly for his beekeeping teams and operations in North Dakota, Texas, and California.

In addition to his beekeeping pursuits, Gary loved the outdoors, enjoying fishing and hunting. His loyal dogs were always by his side during these adventures, bringing him happiness and companionship. Gary had a special interest in collecting and studying antique military rifles, delving into their history and stories.

Gary is survived by his loving wife, Linda, with whom he shared 43 years of marriage, and their children: Judson Mackrill (Kimberly), grandchildren Gideon, Piper, Greer, and Simeon of Charleston, SC, Melinda Mackrill of Cathay, ND, and Amanda Herron (Thomas), grandchildren Belle and Truman of Rock Port, MO.

*In Loving Memory of*



*Gary Mackrill*

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JANUARY 7, 1954 – SEPTEMBER 13, 2023



## I Thessalonians: 4 Verses 13-18

But we would not have you ignorant, brethren, concerning those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, shall not precede those who have fallen asleep.

For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the archangel's call, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first; then we who are alive, who are left, shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air; and so we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore, comfort one another with these words.

## Celebrating The Life Of *Gary Brian Mackrill*

January 7, 1954 - Washington, DC  
September 13, 2023 - Fargo, ND

### **VISITATION & PRAYER SERVICE**

Sunday, September 17, 2023  
Visitation 6:00PM - 7:00PM  
Prayer Service 7:00PM  
Evangelical Free Church, New Rockford, ND

### **FUNERAL SERVICE**

Monday, September 18, 2023  
11:00AM  
Evangelical Free Church, New Rockford, ND

### **OFFICIATING**

Pastor Joe Greiner

### **MUSIC**

Delaine Rademacher ~ Pianist  
Congregational Hymns  
*Power in the Blood* #329 ~ *In The Garden* #635  
*How Great Thou Art* #147  
Solo ~ *Daddy's Hands* ~ Delaine Rademacher

### **PALLBEARERS**

Jud Mackrill ~ Chris Charles ~ Lewis Seibold  
Gideon Mackrill ~ Thomas Herron

### **BURIAL**

Lake View Cemetery, Cathay, ND

Arrangements by  
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