

Michael Jay VandeHoven passed away February 7, 2025, at his home with his family by his side.

Michael was born September 6, 1950, in New Rockford, ND to Henry and Doris VandeHoven. He attended Birtsell Country School until it closed its doors. He then went to Carrington High School and graduated in 1969. After graduation, he returned to the family farm and purchased his first quarter of land.

Michael married in 1973. During this union, five children were born. On August 3, 1984, he married Debra Kracht, and they had three children together. They lived on their farm northwest of Carrington and raised kids, crops, and cattle.

In his spare time, Michael worked at Carrington Livestock and was a supervisor in Woodward Township for a number of years. In the later years, he started each morning going to coffee at the Prairie Inn with his group of friends. His love for family came first with farming and cattle a close second.

He is well known for his love of antique tractors and combines, especially Massey Ferguson Super 92s. He spent numerous hours working on his so that we could have "Sunday Funday" as a family during the wheat and corn harvest.

We sometimes feel that he lived in the wrong time period, because he was an avid Gunsmoke watcher and liked to pretend he was Marshall Matt Dillon.

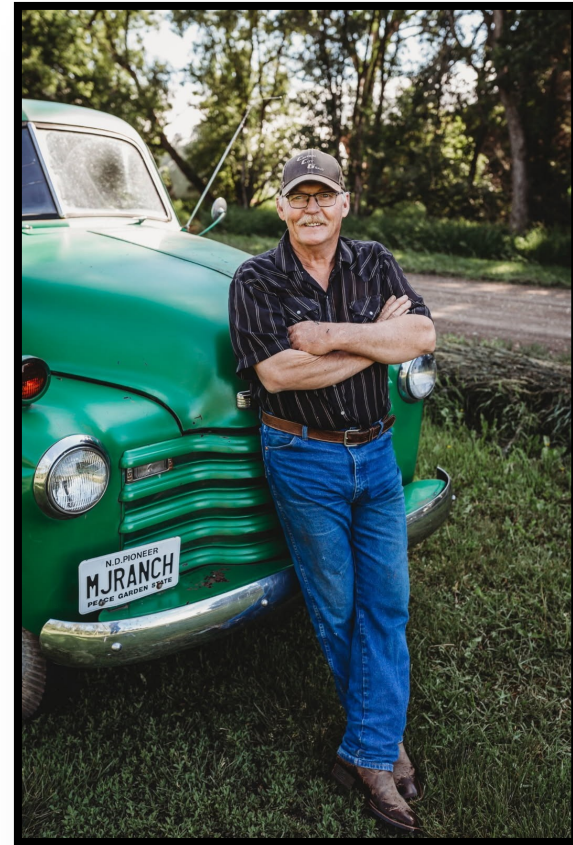
Michael enjoyed family gatherings, dancing, pinochle, and keeping an eye on his grandchildren.

Michael is survived by his loving wife of 40 years Debra. His children: Stephanie VandeHoven, Jenny VandeHoven, and Sara (Jeff) Hinrichs, all of Carrington. Jonathan (Tiffany) VandeHoven, Bishop, CA, Angela (Jen) Tomme, Colorado Springs, CO, Jan VandeHoven, Chico, CA, Jason VandeHoven, Colorado Springs, CO and Jessica (Steve Lewis) VandeHoven of Chico, CA. His 10 grandchildren: Jayleigh, Michael, Kenleigh, Jacob of Carrington, ND, Lyla, Henry, Ruby of Bishop, CA, Maddie (Landon) of Paradise, CA, Evelyn of Colorado Springs, Co, and Owen of Chico, CA. Two sisters: JoAnn (Rodney) Settlemeyer, New Rockford, ND, and Paula (Bill) Loose of Woodworth, ND. Brothers and sisters-in-law: Paul Berntson, Mark (Sharon) Kracht, Dale Kracht, and Mary Jo (Eric) Paulson. Many nieces, nephews, and great nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents (Henry and Doris VandeHoven) and in-laws (Kenneth and Dorothy Kracht), brothers Randy and Gary, sisters Pam and Judy, and brothers-in-law Michael Fandrich and Eldon (Buzz) Allmaras.

# *Celebrating*

THE LIFE OF



# *Michael VandeHoven*

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SEPTEMBER 6, 1950 - FEBRUARY 7, 2025

Celebrating A Life Well Lived

# Michael Jay VandeHoven

September 6, 1950 – New Rockford, ND

February 7, 2025 – Carrington, ND

## God's Keeper

*To some he is a farmer,  
A man rising with the sun  
Heading off to tend the soil,  
'til daylight hours are done*

*His tractor is his comrade  
As he journeys o'er his land  
His gold is that of ripened oats  
In his opened, calloused hand*

*He lives life in simplicity  
A man who takes a stand  
For in his heart, he knows, he is  
God's keeper of the land*

*Bless each and every keeper  
God watch them from above  
May their crops forever flourish  
May their live's be filled with love*

*~Bonnie Lynn Morris*

### VISITATION

Wednesday, February 12, 2025

1:00PM - 5:00PM

Evans Funeral Home, Carrington, ND

### PRAYER SERVICE

Wednesday, February 12, 2025

5:00PM

Evans Funeral Home, Carrington, ND

### FUNERAL SERVICE

Thursday, February 13, 2025

10:30AM

Trinity Lutheran Church, Carrington, ND

### OFFICIATING

Rev. Ritchie Cole

### SPECIAL MUSIC

Cathy Paulson ~ Pianist

Scott Beumer ~ Soloist

### PALLBEARERS

Michael VandeHoven ~ Jacob Hinrichs ~ Kenleigh Hinrichs

Jeffrey Hinrichs ~ Jennifer Berntson ~ Dale Kracht

Eric Paulson ~ Roger VandeHoven

### HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Michael's Prairie Inn Coffee Buddies

Grandchildren ~ Jayleigh, Lyla, Henry, Ruby, Maddie, Evelyn, Owen

All of Michael's Beloved Family and Friends

### BURIAL

Carrington Cemetery

Carrington, ND

Arrangements by

Evans Funeral Home – Carrington & New Rockford, ND

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