Paul Neis Jr. died Monday, July 14, 2025, with his family by his side at Lutheran Home of the Good Shepherd, New Rockford, ND.

Paul James Neis Jr. was born September 18, 1938, at his home in Esmond, ND, to Paul Sr. and Anna (Wentz) Neis. Paul attended school and graduated from Esmond High School in 1957.

Paul met the love of his life, Colleen Eberle. Paul and Colleen were married June 16, 1959, in Esmond, ND. They were blessed with six children: Denise, Gerald, Darlene, Gary, Dean, and Paula.

Paul had a passion for music; he never read a note, he always played by ear. Paul and his brother Jerome were taught to play on an old Pump Organ. They started playing in bars in 1963. As time went on, they had a four-piece band called "The Tune Spinners". The band spent many weekends playing at bars and for wedding dances.

Through the years, Paul worked construction and in lumbervards throughout the state. Including the Lumberyard in New Rockford and Devils Lake. Paul loved spending time with his family. His children were his blessing in life, and later, the love that he had for his grandchildren and great-grandchildren was evident.

Paul is survived by his six children; Denise (Albert) Pfeiffer, New Rockford, ND, Gerald (Judy) Neis, Rapid City, SD, Darlene (Brian) Bush, Beulah, ND, Gary (Tammy) Neis, Mahnomen, MN, Dean Neis, Carrington, ND, Paula (Shane) Oakland, Devils Lake, ND; 16 Grandchildren; 30 Great Grandchildren; a brother Jerome (Monica) Neis, Carrington, ND; many nieces and nephews; Brother and Sister-in-laws.

Paul was preceded in death by his wife, Colleen; his parents, Paul Sr. & Anna Neis; a Father and Mother-in-law, Frank (Pauline) Eberle.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Lutheran Home of The Good Shepherd, in New Rockford in memory of Paul.

Celebrating THE LIFE OF



Paul Neis fr.

SEPTEMBER 18, 1938 - JULY 14, 2025

When Tomorrow Starts Without Me

When tomorrow starts without me, And I am not there to see, If the sun should rise and find your Eyes all filled with tears for me...

I wish so much you would not cry The way you do each day... While thinking of the many things We did not get to say.

I know how much you LOVE me As much as I LOVE you, And each time that you think of me, Please know I will miss you, too.

But when tomorrow starts without me, Please try to understand, That an Angel came and called my name, And took me by the hand.

And said a place was ready, In heaven up above, And that I would have to leave behind All those I truly LOVE.

> I had so much to live for, So much yet to do. It seemed almost impossible That I was leaving you.

When tomorrow starts without me, Do not think we are far apart For every time you think of me, I am right here in your HEART. In Loving Memory Of

Paul James Neis Jr.

September 18, 1938 ~ rural Esmond, ND July 14, 2025 ~ New Rockford, ND

VISITATION Thursday, July 17, 2025 5:30PM - 6:30PM St. John's Catholic Church, New Rockford, ND

ROSARY & VIGIL SERVICE Thursday, July 17, 2025 Rosary 6:30PM ~ Vigil Service 7:00PM St. John's Catholic Church, New Rockford, ND

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL Friday, July 18, 2025 ~ 10:00AM St. John's Catholic Church, New Rockford, ND

> OFFICIATING Father Reese Weber Father Bernard Pfau

> > **READER** Keith Neis

SPECIAL MUSIC Annette Hovey

Opening ~ Be Not Afraid Preparation ~ Prayer of St. Francis Communion ~ Here I Am, Lord Song Of Farewell ~ Old One Hundredth Going Forth ~ How Great Thou Art

PALLBEARERS Matthew Pfeiffer ~ Austin Neis ~ Cole Bush ~ Tyson Neis Zack Neis ~ Dawsen Neis ~ Reese Neis

HONORARY PALLBEARERS All of Paul's Grandchildren, Great-Grandchildren, and Friends

> **BURIAL** St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery, Devils Lake, ND

Arrangements by Evans Funeral Home – Carrington & New Rockford, ND www.EvansFuneralHomeND.com