

In the early morning hours of October 3, 2025, Todd, age 58, left this earthly life and joined the chorus of the next.

Todd Patrick Hafner was born to Gary and Gloria (Kautzman) Hafner on June 2, 1967 in Harvey, ND. He spent all of his life on the family farm near Sykeston. Todd graduated from Sykeston High School in 1985, and excelled in sarcasm. He liked a fast car and good times with friends, but he always prioritized the farm to make sure crops and animals were tended.

The love of Todd's life was Melissa (Willey). Their fondness for each other dates back to their grade school days. Todd seldom missed sending Missy flowers over the years to celebrate their relationship, with the most recent being a beautiful bouquet for their 39th wedding anniversary. They were married at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church in Sykeston on August 29th 1986.

Life and love brought them three wonderful sons: Nicolas (Hilary), Fargo, ND; Devan (Ashley), Jamestown, ND; Jesse, Carrington, ND. A country life filled with camping, hunting, and fishing kept Todd's heart full. The most recent joy in Todd's life was changing his title to "Papa" when he became a grandfather to Bryson (Devan and Ashley). It brought an extra sparkle to his eye!

From a young age, Todd had a profound love of music. Mastering lead guitar, along with a warm, sweet voice, some of his proudest accomplishments were being a part of two popular local bands, StaJa and Alittle Untamed. Many friendships were made across the state, playing on stages large and small. In recent years, Todd stepped onto a few Nashville stages, instantly drawing a crowd in the door. These were such memorable moments, and he felt he had fulfilled a dream that would have made his Dad so proud. Todd never lost his love for playing guitar and always longed for those band days. Many band stories and music selections were shared by Todd around the campfire.

When times shifted from farming and ranching to exploring new passions, Todd started working at Cannon Technologies in Carrington in 2002 as a meter technician. In 2008, he transitioned into a Senior IT Technician position at Northern Plains Electric Cooperative. There, he expanded his specialty to Journeyman Meterman with an apprenticeship program through BSC.

Todd is survived by his wife, three sons, two daughters-in-law, and a grandson. His mother, Gloria Hafner; sister Tammy (Mike) Stevens; sisters-in-law Cindy (Bill) Willey/Ockert, Kathy (Kyle) Beach; brother-in-law Joel (RoxAnn) Willey. Many nieces and nephews.

Todd was preceded in death by his father Gary Hafner; father and mother-in-law Donald and Alice Willey; grandparents, Joe and Margie Hafner, Innocent and Fawn Kautzman; and brother-in-law, Andrew Willey.

In lieu of flowers, consider honoring Todd with a monetary donation of your choice, and raise a Busch Light to Todd.

A special thank you to Tammi and Lynn, for always being only a moment away.

Celebrating

THE LIFE OF



Todd Hafner

JUNE 2, 1967 – OCTOBER 3, 2025



Beneath the hush of the silver sky,
Where echoes sleep and swallows fly,
A voice remains, though time has spun—
A thread of dusk, a dying sun.
The strings are worn, the chords are bare,
Yet something stirs the silent air,
One last song to be sung.



Not for crowds or grand acclaim,
Not carved in gold, not tied to name—
But whispered low where hearts belong,
A cradle tune, a swan-soft song.
It holds no need for perfect pitch,
No fame to chase, no fleeting glitch—
Just truth, unclothed, and sorrow-brung,
In one last song to be sung.

The voice may tremble, thin with age,
Yet breaks the bars of time's own cage.
A final breath, both fierce and young,
Rising—one last song to be sung.
So hush the world, and let it rise,
This quiet flame that never dies.
For in the end, all tales are strung
Upon one last song to be sung.

Celebrating The Life Of *Todd Patrick Hafner*

June 2, 1967 – Harvey, ND
October 3, 2025 – Sykeston, ND

VISITATION

Thursday, October 9, 2025
5:00PM - 6:00PM
Evans Funeral Home, Carrington, ND

VIGIL SERVICE

Thursday, October 9, 2025
6:00PM
Evans Funeral Home, Carrington, ND

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Friday, October 10, 2025
10:30AM
St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church, Sykeston, ND

OFFICIATING

Father Darrick Leier

SPECIAL MUSIC

Rob Marcotte ~ Kim Paulson ~ Rod Marchand ~ Beth Tweed
St. Elizabeth's Celebration Singers

PALLBEARERS

Mike Stevens ~ Joel Willey ~ Bill Ockert ~ Kyle Beach
Jim Harmon ~ Kevin Bahm ~ Dale Benson ~ Wade Pierce

HONORARY BEARERS

His Brothers in the Band, the lake family, the Cannon and Northern
Plains crews, and all he knew as "friend" on life's journey.

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