

# *The Ranch Will Remember*

The morning breaks on fields once sown,  
Where steady hands made earth a home.

The river flows, the cattle graze,  
Still echoing well-lived, faithful days.

A sailor once, with honor served,  
A craftsman's skill by heart preserved.  
He mended more than wires and steel—  
He healed with kindness, strength, and will.

He found his greatest song in love,  
With Sandy, heaven's sweetest gift.  
Together through each passing year,  
They built a life held strong and dear.

A father's wisdom, gentle guide,  
With open arms forever wide.  
No stranger stayed a guest for long;  
At The Ranch, all hearts belonged.

The gardens bloom, the hay will dry,  
The stars still fill the North Dakota sky.  
Though now beyond our earthly view,  
His love remains in all we do.

So when the wind moves through the trees,  
Or laughter rides the evening breeze,  
We'll know he's never far away—  
His legacy lives on each day.

Until we meet where sorrows cease,  
May you rest in perfect peace.  
Forever loved, forever near,  
Forever held in every heart here.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

# *Roger Vetter*

1945 - 2026



**Roger "Rog" Vetter**, 80, passed away peacefully at his home at "The Ranch" in Mandan, North Dakota, on June 2, 2026, surrounded by the place and people he loved most.

Roger was born on July 29, 1945, to John and Maggie Vetter. He married the love of his life, Sandy Loeb, daughter of Emily and Ed Loeb, on June 29, 1968. Together they built a life centered on family, hard work, and lasting friendships. Roger and Sandy shared nearly 58 years of marriage and were just 27 days shy of celebrating their 58th wedding anniversary.

In January 1964, Roger joined the United States Navy and served as an Electrical Repairman. Following his military service, he operated Roger's TV Service for many years, becoming a familiar and trusted face in the community. Later, he joined Bismarck Hospital as a Biomedical Technician, where he worked until his retirement in 2012. Roger was a talented musician who played in bands throughout his high school years. Roger and Sandy were frequently requested to sing 'The Ceremony' at countless weddings and anniversaries.

In 1994, Roger and Sandy moved to "The Ranch" south of Mandan, where he fulfilled his dream of country living. He took great pride in being a hobby rancher, raising cattle, cutting hay, tending large gardens, and caring for the land. Roger especially enjoyed fishing on the river, playing horseshoes, Friday night bowling, and countless games of pinochle with family and friends. He cherished time spent outdoors and the many memories made with those he loved.

Roger's greatest joy was his family. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, and friend whose steady presence, quiet strength, and generous spirit will be deeply missed. His love and guidance extended beyond his immediate family, and he became a second father to three of his children's closest friends- Jay, Mark, and Julio-who always knew they were welcome in the Vetter home and at the Ranch.

Roger is survived by his beloved wife, Sandy Vetter; his children, Steve Vetter (Danielle Holland), Ryan Vetter (Leisa), and Elysia Bauer (Josh); grandchildren, Caitlyn (Logan) Kalenze, Greyson Vetter, Makenah (Sean) Pennington, Aspen Vetter, Joshua Vetter, and Nash Bauer; and great-grandchildren, Silas and Reighlynn Pennington.

He is also survived by his brothers, Gene (Nancy) Vetter, Joe (Kathy) Vetter, Ed Vetter, and Shermie (Julie) Vetter; his sisters, Diane Vetter, Tootsie (Butch) Bjerklie, and Debbie Vetter; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, extended family members, and friends.

Roger was preceded in death by his parents, John and Maggie Vetter; his sister, LaVonne Perdue; and his brothers, Ray Vetter, Stanley Vetter, and Urbie Vetter.

Roger's legacy lives on through the family he loved, the friendships he treasured, and the countless lives he touched through his kindness, hard work, and willingness to lend a helping hand. Whether family by birth or family by choice, Roger made people feel valued, welcomed, and loved. His memory will forever remain in the hearts of those who knew him.

## Memorial Service

Friday, June 26, 2026; 9:00 AM  
Weigel Funeral Home  
Mandan, North Dakota

Officiant

Pastor Brandon Vetter

Musician

Steve Vetter

Reader

Elysia Bauer

## CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF ROGER VETTER

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| Prelude                                               | Celebration of Life Tribute video |
| Call to Worship                                       |                                   |
| Opening Hymn                                          | "Amazing Grace"                   |
| Welcome                                               |                                   |
| Prayer                                                |                                   |
| Scripture                                             | Revelation 21:1-4                 |
| Eulogy by Greyson Vetter, Aspen Vetter, & Ryan Vetter |                                   |
| Song                                                  | "Tall Ladders"                    |
| Scripture                                             | 1 Thessalonians 4:11-12           |
| Sermon                                                |                                   |
| Prayer                                                |                                   |
| Closing Song                                          | "Go Rest High"                    |
| Benediction                                           |                                   |
| Recessional                                           | Celebration of Life Tribute video |

## Graveside Service

North Dakota Veterans Cemetery  
Mandan, North Dakota

Military Honors provided by Mandan American Legion  
& US Navy Funeral Honors Team

*A celebration of Roger's life will continue later today  
beginning at 4 PM at "The Ranch,"  
where family & friends are invited to gather & share memories.*

