

Jerome “Jerry” Henry Van Hout was born on June 25, 1935, in Grant County, South Dakota, to August and Pearl (Smith) Van Hout. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Milbank, SD. Jerry attended Melrose #9 Country School through the eighth grade before working on the family farm. He later enlisted in the United States Army in 1955 and was honorably discharged in 1961. Determined to continue his education, he later earned his GED. Throughout his career, he worked for Annett Construction, later for John Maynes Tire Service, and Valley Queen Cheese Factory, where he drove milk truck and he dedicated 32 years of service, retiring on December 31, 1997.



On April 12, 1958, Jerry married Joyce Barnes at St. Lawrence Catholic Church. The couple made their home in Milbank, where they raised their family. A devoted member of St. Lawrence Catholic Church, Jerry served as an usher for many years. He was also a lifetime member of the American Legion.

Jerry had a passion for traveling with Joyce and cherished his time with the Hardee’s coffee group. He enjoyed woodworking, playing softball in his younger years, and competing in horseshoes. He also loved hunting, fishing, and visiting the casino. Above all, Jerry adored his grandchildren, often taking them on special trips with Joyce. Known for his strong conservative values, great sense of humor, and deep love for his family, Jerry will be fondly remembered by those who knew and loved him.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Joyce Van Hout of Milbank, SD; Larry (Lisa) Van Hout of Alexandria, MN; Bob (Deb) Van Hout of Milbank, SD; Tim (Alvina) Van Hout of Sioux Falls, SD; Linda (Pat) Raffety of Milbank, SD; David (Barbara) Van Hout of Milbank, SD; and Wayne (Nancy) Van Hout of Milbank, SD; grandchildren: Katie (Greg) Ruitter of Rochester, MN; Tara (Dan) Timm of Lichfield, MN; April (Eric) Tomoson of Alberta, MN; Jennifer (Justin) Athey of Britton, SD; Keith (Erica Stattelmann) Raffety of Ortonville, MN; Jessica (Avinesh) Chand of Sioux Falls, SD; Christopher (Chandra) Van Hout of Sioux Falls, SD; Kevin (Kristie) Van Hout of Milbank, SD; and Amber (Brandon) DeClercq of Fairmont, MN; 15 great-grandchildren; and one great-great grandchild. He was preceded in death by his parents: August and Pearl Van Hout; and eight siblings.

In Loving Memory of

Jerry Van Hout

WHO WAS BORN

June 25, 1935
Grant County, South Dakota

AND CALLED TO HIS ETERNAL HOME

February 24, 2025
Milbank, South Dakota

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Thursday, February 27, 2025 - 10:30 a.m.
St. Lawrence Catholic Church
Milbank, South Dakota

CELEBRANT

Fr. Brian Eckrich

MUSICIAN

Nancy Johnson, Organist

SPECIAL SONGS

“Amazing Grace” | “How Great thou Art” | “On Eagle’s Wings”

ACTIVE CASKET BEARERS

Beloved Grandchildren

Katie Ruitter | Tara Timm | April Tomoson | Jennifer Athey | Keith Raffety
Jessica Chand | Christopher Van Hout | Kevin Van Hout | Amber DeClercq

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS

Valley Queen Cheese Factory Retirees

MILITARY HONORS

American Legion Birch-Miller Post #9
V.F.W. Grant County Post #3486
V.V.A. Northeast SD Chapter #1054
D.A.V. Chapter #19
Sons of American Legion Post #9

BURIAL

St. Lawrence Catholic Cemetery
Milbank, South Dakota

APPRECIATION

Jerry’s family is grateful for your attendance at this service. Your expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated. Following the service, please join the family for a time of fellowship and a luncheon at the church dining hall.

Mundwiler Funeral Home - Milbank, South Dakota

Do Not Stand at My Grave and Weep

Do not stand at my grave and weep,

I am not there. I do not sleep.

I am a thousand winds that blow;

I am the diamond glints on snow.

I am the sunlight on ripened grain;

I am the gentle autumn's rain.

When you awaken in the morning's hush,

I am the swift uplifting rush,

of quiet birds in circled flight.

I am the soft star that shines at night.

Do not stand at my grave and cry,

I am not there; I did not die.



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