

Wayne "Bozo" Colby was born on April 22, 1954, in Amarillo, Texas to Edward and Joy (Nugent) Colby. Wayne's life was marked by both unwavering dedication and profound love for his family, the outdoors, and his work.

In 1980, he married Carol Ehlert. Their union brought forth three children: Travis (Lu), Rebecca (Kyle), and Jenny (Butch).

Wayne dedicated 45 years of his life to MinnDak, retiring in 2020, a testament to his commitment and industrious nature. Beyond his professional life, he found immense joy in mowing the greens at Balmoral Golf Course and embraced the responsibilities of being "the boss" at Lakeside RV Resort. His love for lake life defined his retirement years, providing him with a backdrop to create lasting memories. In the winter months Bozo delivered parts for Parts City in Breckenridge.

Wayne's culinary talents were well-known, particularly his famous chocolate chip cookies and the deer meat he prepared. He was gifted with one liners and small talk, once you met him, he was forever your friend. He had a special connection with Carol's daycare children, who adore him still to this day.

He graduated from Breckenridge High School in 1973 and went on to build a life centered around his proudest accomplishment—his family. Wayne is survived by his devoted wife, Carol; his children, Travis (Lu), Rebecca (Kyle), and Jenny (Butch); and his treasured grandchildren, Will, and Zach (Tatiana), Brady, Vin, Ethan and Cooper, He also leaves behind his great-grandchildren, Annalise and Kehlani, who were a source of joy in his later years. Wayne is also survived by his sisters, Teeko (D'Ann) Colby and Ellen (Brad) Bollinger; brothers-in-law, Paul (Jane) Ehlert and Bill (Liz) Ehlert, sisters-in-law, Caren Lau and JoAnn Ehlert; and numerous nieces and nephews. Walker, Parker and Brooke Busse were like his own and he cherished the special relationships with them each.

Wayne was preceded in death by his parents, Edward and Joy (Nugent) Colby, his sister Lona, as well as his grandparents, aunts, uncles, father-in-law Robert Ehlert, brother-in-law Robert Ehlert, and sister-in-law Carrie Jo.

Please remember Bozo and spread his gifts of friendship to someone you don't know. Share the hugs, extend the handshake and make someone smile.

Wayne "Bozo" Colby will forever remain in the hearts of his family and friends. May he rest in peace.

# In Loving

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## M E M O R Y



Wayne "Bozo" Colby  
1954 - 2025

## Bozo's One Liners

Good man sum bitch  
Somebody needs a nap  
Don't call me a goat head  
Put it on Carols bill  
New camper (toilet paper)  
I'll add it to your bill  
Back up the turnup truck  
The lake is calling  
Back to the shit hole  
Honey, can I buy this  
Don't let your meat loaf  
Your kids aren't lost you are  
Partner buddy ole pal  
At the office  
Money's to easy  
Inner web  
None of my business but ....  
It's always sumpin  
Oh come on Carol  
I kicked it up a notch  
Hit the road jack  
Meals on wheels  
A normal man couldn't keep up  
A man can piss through a rock  
How much deer meat do you have left?  
You want a good beer - Old Mill (blue berries)  
See you in the morning, butt crack of dawn, about 11:00  
A shitty day at the lake is better than a good day at work  
Where did you get that Boz, Fleet Farm they had a great sale going on  
You know me work work work go go go  
Stinky clothes (smells like money)  
If heroin and cocaine were legal I would be on that to  
I'm getting too old for this shit  
I'm in good shape for the shape I'm in  
Do you want a beer? They are in the fridge, I'm not going to wait on you  
I knew a guy that knew a guy  
My kids aren't spoiled, they are just well taken care of  
Don't let the door hit you in the ass (and it literally did)  
\$12.95 a plate, desert \$8.95 includes all the beer you can drink  
Catch you later buddy ole pal

\* Please join the family at the Colby's after the prayer service \*

# Wayne "Bozo" Colby

## Born

April 22, 1954 | Amarillo, Texas

## Passed Away

July 6, 2025 | Ottertail, Minnesota

## Age

71 Years | 2 Months | 14 Days

## Funeral Mass

11:00 AM | Saturday, July 12, 2025

St. John's Catholic Church | Wahpeton, North Dakota

## Officiant

Fr. Greg Haman

## Music

Organist | Mary Jane Pauly

Cantor | Edd Goerger

Special Music | Derek Colby

"Daddy's Hands" | "Even Though I'm Leaving"

## Congregational Hymns

"Amazing Grace" | "On Eagles Wings" | "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

"Song of Farewell" | "How Great Thou Art"

## Honorary Pallbearers

Bozo's Lake Family and Daycare Families

## Pallbearers

Will Petersen | Zachary Petersen | Brady Farren

Vin Farren | Ethan Millacent | Walker Busse | Parker Busse

Brook Busse | Eric Heger | Connor Udem