

Mark Lembke was born on October 30, 1955, in Cavalier, ND to Frederick and Mildred (Porter) Lembke and died on September 23, 2025.

Mark grew up on a farm in rural Pembina County and attended Neche High School. He graduated from the University of North Dakota with a B.S. degree in accounting. He met Linda Flore in college. They married in 1976. After earning his CPA, they lived in Denver for 10 years where he started working in the sugar industry. His children, Rhianna and Jeremy were born during that time. In 1987, they returned to North Dakota when Mark began his 30-year career at American Crystal Sugar Company. He was a management team member of the finance department at the Hillsboro, ND factory and the company's Corporate Headquarters in Moorhead, MN. Outside of work, Mark was an avid traveler who visited all 50 states. He liked hiking 14,000-foot elevation peaks, snow skiing, fishing, sporting events, and gardening. He also enjoyed relaxing at their Minnesota lake cabin, listening to classic rock music, and was a passionate Fighting Sioux hockey fan. Even after he and Linda began spending winters in Arizona, he was sure to watch all the games. Throughout much of his adult life, Mark was hampered by myotonic muscular dystrophy. He found ways to stay mobile, remain positive, and maintain relationships with friends and family. He adored his two granddaughters incredibly and delighted in following their activities, sharing stories and playing games with them.

Mark is survived by his wife of 49 years, Linda; his daughter Rhianna (Dane) Sellstedt; his son Jeremy (Nicole) Lembke and grandchildren Ava and Zoe; his parents Frederick and Mildred Lembke; sister Lori (Vince) Piercy; brothers and sisters-in-law; nieces and nephews.

## In Loving Memory



# Mark Louis Lembke

October 30, 1955 - September 23, 2025

## He Is Gone

You can shed tears that he is gone  
Or you can smile because he has lived

You can close your eyes and pray that he will come back  
Or you can open your eyes and see all that he has left

Your heart can be empty because you can't see him  
Or you can be full of the love that you shared

You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday  
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday

You can remember him and only that he is gone  
Or you can cherish his memory and let it live on

You can cry and close your mind,  
be empty and turn your back  
Or you can do what he would want: smile,  
open your eyes, love and go on.

~ David Harkins



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Cremation • Burial

## Celebration of Life

Tuesday, September 30, 2025 - 2:00 PM  
Hope Lutheran Church - North Campus - Fargo

Pastor Paul Nynas, *Officiant*  
John Bedore and David Juve, *Worship Team*

## Order of Service

Processional Song	"Amazing Grace"
Welcome	
Invocation and Prayer	
Reading of Obituary	
Eulogy	Jeff Schweitzer
"Simple Man"	Lynyrd Skynrd
Ecclesiastes 3:1-11	Ava Lembke
John 5:24-29	
Sermon	
"Another Hallelujah"	Worship Team
Prayers	
"The Lord's Prayer"	Worship Team
Commendation	
Benediction	
Closing Hymn	"Shine Jesus Shine"

## Interment

(At a later date)

Riverside Cemetery - Fargo

All are invited for food and fellowship  
following the service at Buffalo Wild Wings:  
1515 19th Ave N, Fargo, ND 58102