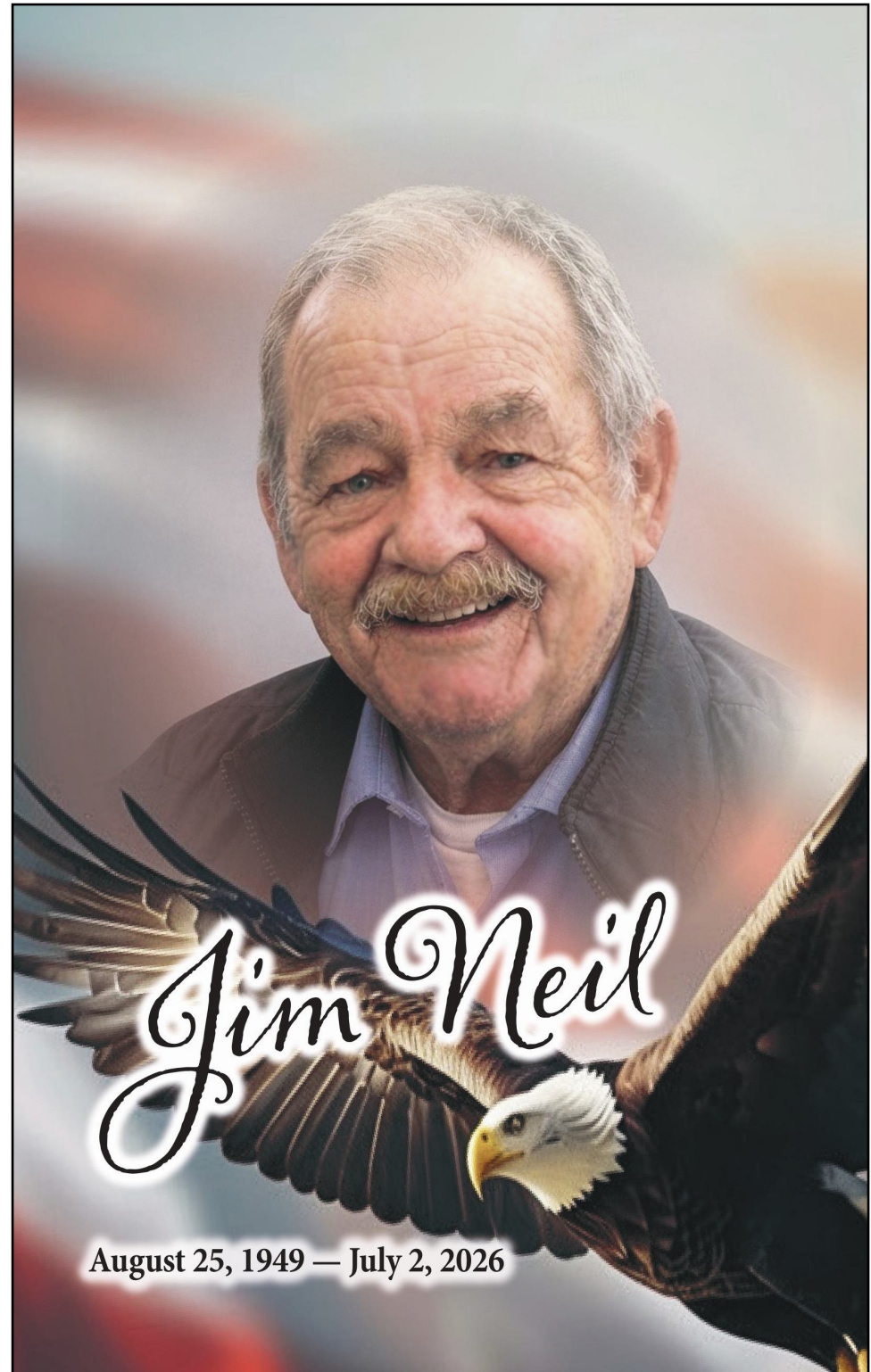


See you later...

God saw you getting tired,
And a cure was not to be;
So he put his arms around you,
And whispered, "Come to me".
With tearful eyes we watched you,
And saw you pass away;
Although we loved you dearly,
We could not make you stay.
A golden heart stopped beating,
Hard working hands to rest.
God broke our hearts to prove to us,
He only takes the best.



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James E. Neil, 76, East Grand Forks, MN, passed away peacefully on July 2nd, 2026, surrounded by his loving family.

Jim was born August 25th, 1949, in Fosston, MN to Elmore and Mabel (Bateman) Neil. He graduated from Central High School in 1968 before he proudly served his country in the United States Navy.

Jim married the love of his life, Sandy Ebertowski on April 23rd, 1975, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Together they built a beautiful family and raised four children. He went on to build a career with the East Grand Forks Parks and Recreation Department, where he worked as a foreman until his retirement in 2011.

Jim was known for his gentle spirit, generous heart, and quiet kindness. He was an amazing brother, husband, dad, uncle, friend and grandpa. He was the definition of dependable. Whether he was remodeling a home, building a deck, shingling with his family, or lending a hand to a friend or neighbor, he found joy in working alongside those he loved. His unwavering love and dedication in caring for his wife was unmatched. You would often find Jim tending to his lawn, enjoying the outdoors, or tinkering in the garage. He loved nature and spending time on his deck visiting with family and friends. He enjoyed playing on the floor with his grandkids, including the four-legged ones. He spent countless hours supporting his children and grandchildren in all their activities. He wore the title Papa proudly.

He will be deeply missed by his family and all who have had the privilege of knowing him. Jim is survived by his children: Tina (Bob) Hanson, Tricia Sersland, Travis (Jennifer) Neil, and Tammy (Jesse) Johnson; his beloved grandchildren, Stephanie Coauette, Rachele Neil, Casey and Anthony Coauette; Ashley (Guillaume) Tike, Faith Sersland, Madalyn (Simon) Fisher; Josh, Brody, Ryan and Theo Neil; Brittney Neil (Billy Michalski), Ryder and Easton Johnson, Jasmine Ebertowski; great grandchildren: Lenni and Louis Tike; his sisters, Elenore Adair and Karyn (Rod) Oian; and a large loving network of extended family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife; parents; his brothers, Bob and Ray; and his sisters, Barb and Carole.

Order of Service for

Jim Neil
Tuesday, July 7th, 2026

Amundson Funeral Home - Grand Forks, ND

OfficiantDanny Oian
Honorary Pallbearers..... Grandchildren
Entrance Song..... “Lord, You Are My Strength”
WelcomeDanny Oian
Prayer The “Our Father”
Music “Comanche (The Brave Horse)” - Johnny Horton
Share Your Memories
Closing Words & Farewell
Music “Love Me Tender” - Elvis Presley

Please join us outside

Military Honors Color Guard

*Following the service, everyone is welcome to join us as we lay
Mom and Dad to rest together in the columbarium at
Resurrection Cemetery, 2203 River Road NW, East Grand Forks, MN.
We will then gather at the Neil home, 1222 20th St NW, East Grand Forks
to continue visiting, sharing memories, and honoring their lives.*

Thank You

*“Our family would like to extend our sincere gratitude
to everyone for all their love, support, condolences and
kind words in this difficult time.”*