



Celebrating THE *Life* OF

Joseph Wayne Ehlen

NOVEMBER 7, 1960 – JULY 28, 2025

I'd like the memory of me
To be a happy one,
I'd like to leave

an afterglow of
smiles
when life is done.

I'd like to leave an echo
Whispering softly down the ways,
Of happy times and laughing times
And bright & sunny days.

I'd like the tears of those who grieve,
To dry before the sun
Of *happy memories*
that I leave behind
When life is done.

Services At:

St. John's Lutheran Church
Donnelly, Minnesota
Saturday, August 2, 2025 - 11:00 a.m.

Officiating Clergy:

Reverend Rochelle Anderson

Musician:

Peggy Wilke

Soloist:

Greg Sperr

Pallbearers:

Mark Smith, Marty Eystad, Loren Woodke
Charlie Oachs, Greg Greiner, Gary Enquist

Interment:

Calvary Cemetery
Morris, Minnesota

Joseph “Joe” Wayne Ehlen was born on November 7, 1960 in Morris, Minnesota the son of Glenn and Elrene (Thompson) Ehlen. He grew up on a farm in Swan Lake Township, Stevens County and attended Morris Area Schools.

Joe began his 45-year career working at the grain elevator for CHS / New Horizons beginning in Donnelly. When the elevator in Donnelly closed, he transferred to the elevator in Herman where he finished out his career.

He enjoyed his farm and cattle. He was a member of St. John’s Lutheran Church in Donnelly and former member of the Donnelly Fire Department and First Responders. Joe loved helping people. He was known to leave work to go help someone in need.

Joe died Monday, July 28, 2025, at his home in Donnelly. He was 64 years old.

Survivors include his mother, Elrene Rosell of Duluth; brother, Jim Ehlen of Alberta; sisters, Barb Fay of Willmar, Laurie Driggins of Norwood Young America and Deb (Jerry) Sinnott of Esko and many nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his father, Glenn Ehlen; brother, Jeff “Spiffy” Ehlen; nephew, Jeremy Pavlicek and step-father, Alden Rosell.



Please use this QR Code to access
Joe's online guestbook and tribute video.

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Funeral & Cremation Service

