



To say Johnny will be missed is an understatement.
His absence leaves a void that can never be filled.
His memory will live on in the hearts of those
he loved and those who loved him.

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In Loving Memory of
Johnny Lee Grosgebauer

March 25, 1949 — November 22, 2025

Johnny Lee Grosgebauer, 76, passed away peacefully on November 22, 2025, surrounded by his loving family.

Johnny was born to Albert and Emma (Entzel) Grosgebauer on March 25, 1949, in Mandan, ND. He was raised in the Mandan and Huff areas and attended local schools before enlisting in the United States Army. On February 1, 1969, he married the love of his life, Sharlene Helbling. Together they raised four children: Jeri Lee, John, Jason, and Jessica. Spending time with his children and grandchildren was one of his greatest joys.

After returning from Vietnam and completing his military service (Feb. 4, 1969 – Sept. 9, 1970), during which he proudly earned the Bronze Star Medal for heroism in ground combat, Johnny worked for the Bernard Smith Farm, Melroe, Earth Builders, Eagles Nest, Aerial Contractors, and Anderson Western until his retirement. He spent many years traveling with road construction crews and found countless friends and interesting places along the way.

A proud lifelong resident of Huff, Johnny spent his youth working in and around the area. In his younger years, he enjoyed playing cards and socializing in Bernie’s garage with family and friends. He was also an avid outdoorsman who loved to fish, hunt, and ride snowmobiles. He enjoyed spending time in his shop, where he was always tinkering, fixing, or chopping wood. In more recent years, he loved spending time at Devil’s Lake with his family and “calling up” his friends and relatives to BS, ask what they were doing, and—when asked what he was doing—reply, “talking to you.”

Johnny is survived by his wife of over 50 years, Sharlene, of Huff; his children, John (Dana) Grosgebauer of Oakes and Jessica May of Mandan; and his grandchildren, Preston and Pacey Grosgebauer of Oakes; Cecelia and Leah Grosgebauer, and their mother Amanda Peleschak of Lincoln, ND; and Trenten and Walker May of Mandan. He is also survived by his sisters, Darlene Berger and Lyndell Metzger, both of Mandan; brother, George Smith, Huff; his “crazy Helbling in-laws”; as well as many nieces, nephews, and extended family members; "adopted" nieces, Kristey Schaedler and Jo Ann Edmondson Wetsch; and many lifelong friends.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Jeri Lee Grosgebauer; son, Jason Grosgebauer; parents, Albert Grosgebauer and Emma Smith; step-father, Alden George Smith; brother, Warren Grossgebauer; brother-in-law, Joe Berger; parents-in-law, Leo and Antoinette “Nettie” Helbling; brothers-in-law, Dennis Helbling and Darwin Helbling; nephews, Fred Berger and Todd Grossgebauer; and nieces, Nicky Lyn Helbling and Faith Corbin.

Johnny will be remembered for his hard work, strong spirit, quick wit, and the deep love he held for his family and friends. His presence will be missed, but his memory will live on in all who knew and loved him.

Rosary/Parish Vigil

Tuesday, November 25, 2025; 7:00 PM
Weigel Funeral Home, Mandan

Presider

Fr. Fred Harvey

Funeral Liturgy

Wednesday, November 26, 2025; 11:00 AM
Christ the King Catholic Church, Mandan

Celebrant

Fr. Fred Harvey

Musicians

Joan Backes & Vance Krebs

Readers

Pacey Grosgebauer & Kelsey Zorn

Prelude

“How Great Thou Art”

Opening Song

“Old Rugged Cross”

Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament Reading

Ecclesiastes 3:1-4, 10-12

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 23

“The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.”

New Testament Reading

Revelations 14:13

Gospel Reading

John 6:37-40

Homily

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of Gifts Song

“Be Not Afraid”

Presentation of Gifts

Cecilia Grosgebauer & Leah Grosgebauer

Eucharistic Prayer

Communion Songs

“Amazing Grace”

“Peace is Flowing Like a River”

Final Commendation

“Song of Farewell”

Closing Song

“On Eagles Wings”

Pallbearers

Preston Grosgebauer ~ Trenten May ~ Walker May ~ Josh Helbling

Dylan Schafer ~ Kaden Schafer ~ Johnny Berger ~ Joseph Berger

Mike Schaedler ~ Todd Schaedler

Honorary Pallbearers

All his nieces and nephews

Graveside Service

Mandan Union Cemetery
Mandan, North Dakota

The family invites you for food & fellowship at the Mandan Moose Lodge following the graveside service, 111 11th Ave NE, Mandan.
