

Mark Liester, age 85, passed away peacefully on February 7th. A lifelong resident of the Garretson area, Mark moved to Touchmark Memory Care in February of 2024 due to the progression of Alzheimer's which affected him for more than nine years. Mark was born October 3rd, 1940 at the DeVall Hospital in Garretson S.D. to James Sr. and Gertrude Liester. He graduated from Garretson High School and briefly attended South Dakota State University before joining the Air National Guard. In 1963 Mark married LaVonne Karli and they lived in the Garretson/Sherman area where they raised their family.

Mark enjoyed his family farm raising crops and livestock. He worked at the Sioux Falls Stockyards for 42 years. Mark and LaVonne were passionate about being present at their kids' events and activities. He served on the Garretson School Board, Garretson Golf Board, Minnehaha County Library Board and was part of the Sherman Fire Department as well as a proud member of the high school football chain gang. Mark was a lifelong member of St. Rose Catholic Church in Garretson. He enjoyed golfing, watching sports and playing cards. Mark and LaVonne enjoyed trips to Hawaii and Alaska as well as several family vacations to the Black Hills. Everywhere he went Mark found people he knew and developed many cherished friendships.

Mark is survived by his wife, LaVonne; son, Karl (Jacki) Liester of Garretson, SD; daughter, Kathy (Doug) Lund of New Ulm, MN; son, Sam (Heidi Hoffmann) Liester of Garretson, SD; daughter, Sally (Jason) Hoogland of Moorhead, MN; grandchildren, Joshua (Faith) Liester, Jacob (McKenzie) Liester, Alex (Madison) Lund, Zach (Morgan Kerwin) Lund, Sophia Lund, Ellie Liester, Nicole Hoogland, Brooke Hoogland; and first expected great-grandchild in June; sisters, Mary Ellen (Arden) Sorenson, Jean (Bob) Wick; nieces, nephews, and other extended family members.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James (Gertrude) Liester Sr; son, Michael Liester; brothers, Jimmie (Helen) Liester Jr, and Bill (Pam) Liester.

In Memory **Mark Liester**

October 3, 1940 - February 7, 20026

Mass of Christian Burial

10:00 AM Thursday

February 12, 2026

St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church

Garretson, South Dakota

Celebrant

Father Kevin O'Dell

Pianist

Lon Semansky

Cantor

Shiloh Orlog

Congregational Music

"Amazing Grace"

"Here I Am Lord"

"On Eagles Wings"

"I Am The Bread Of Life"

"How Great Thou Art"

Casketbearers

Joshua Liester Jacob Liester Alex Lund Zach Lund

Nicole Hoogland Brooke Hoogland

Sophia Lund Ellie Liester

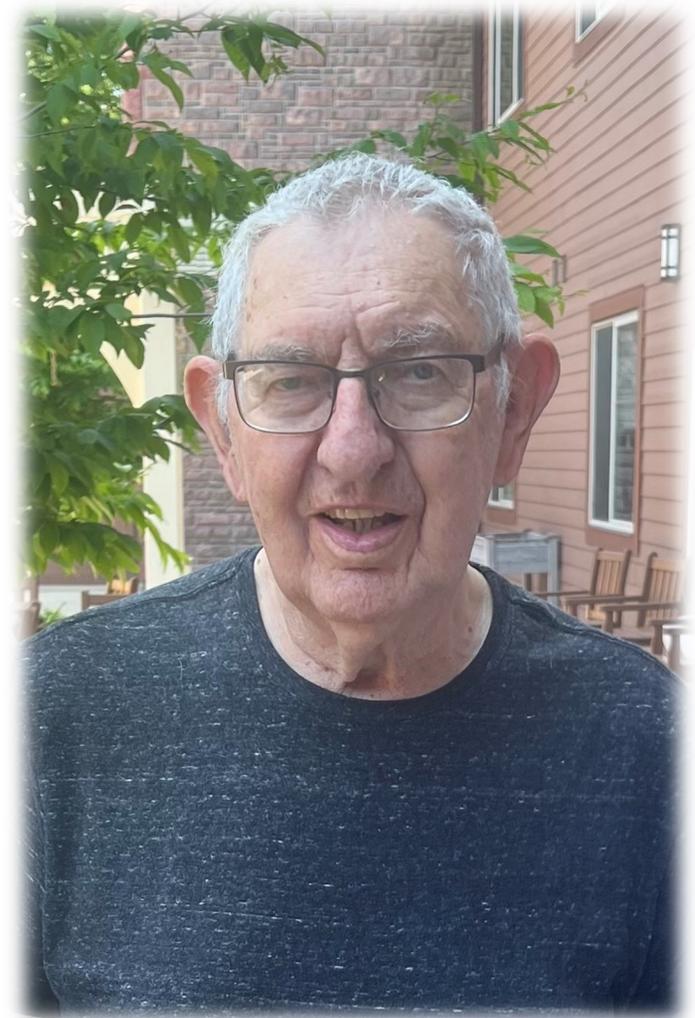
Interment

St. Rose of Lima Cemetery

Garretson, South Dakota



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The family of Mark Liester thanks you for your presence and support. They would like to invite you to stay for lunch following the committal.