

Weep not for me though I am gone, Into that gentle night.  
Grieve if you will but not for long, Upon my soul's at rest.  
There is no need for tears. For with your love I was blessed;  
For all those many years. There is no pain, I suffer not,  
The fear now all is gone. Put now these things out of your thoughts.  
In your memory I live on. Remember not my fight for breath;  
Remember not the strife. Please do not dwell upon my death  
But celebrate my life. - Constance Jenkins



There is a season for everything, a time for every occupation under heaven. A time for giving birth, a time for dying, A time for planting, A time for uprooting what has been planted. A time for killing, a time for healing; A time for knocking down, a time for building. A time for tears, a time for laughter; A time for mourning, a time for dancing. A time for throwing stones away, A time for gathering them up; a time for embracing. A time to refrain from embracing. A time for searching, A time for losing; a time for keeping. A time for throwing away, a time for tearing, A time for sewing; a time for keeping silent, A time for speaking. A time for loving, A time for hating; a time for war, A time for peace. - Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

# LEROY HELBLING

1961-2025





**LeRoy P. Helbling**, age 63, a lifelong Mandan resident, passed away unexpectedly on July 31, 2025, at his beloved ranch southwest of Mandan, doing chores with his wife, Rosemary, by his side.

LeRoy was born September 3, 1961, the seventh of eight children to Jacob A. & Rose (Boehm) Helbling. He attended Rural School No. 1 southwest of Mandan, Christ the King School, and Mandan High School. After school, he worked for a short time at Trinity Builders and Zora, Inc. Helbling Hereford Ranch was established by LeRoy's grandparents, Peter V. & Rose Helbling, in 1914. LeRoy's parents purchased it in the late 1950's, after Peter & Rose moved into town. In 1985, LeRoy purchased the ranch from his parents. On October 3, 1986, LeRoy married the love of his life, Rosemary Graner in Mandan. They worked side by side as a team for over 38 years, raising registered Hereford cattle, alfalfa, hay, corn, and oats and kept a well-maintained farm. LeRoy loved tinkering and restoring machinery. He was mechanically inclined from a young age and loved restoring International Harvester trucks, tractors, and other equipment. He was happiest when working with his trucks, machinery, cattle, and crops. He took great pride in his vehicles, always driving a red pickup. Articles on LeRoy and Rosemary's International Harvester equipment were featured in AgWeek and published in various newspapers. LeRoy was known for his sense of humor, and one of his many trademarks was passing out Tootsie Rolls to his family and friends. He knew hundreds of people and had a great wealth of knowledge and historical information about the Morton County community. LeRoy was a loyal friend to many people. Following the death of his first cousin, Tim Johnson, in January 2025, LeRoy kept a big promise he'd made to Tim by helping with his ranching operation west of Mandan after his passing. LeRoy would drive to Tim's farm twice a day to help and check on things and then go home and take care of his own operation. Along with the help of other friends and neighbors, they sold Tim's cattle and were in the process of getting the ranch and equipment ready for sale.

Blessed to have shared in his life is his wife of 38 years, Rosemary Helbling, Mandan; four sisters, Sonja (Michael) Wiser, Bismarck, Marlys (Don) Rychlik, Mandan, Jackie (Rey) Castillo, Sacramento, CA, and Gloria Fox, Vancouver, WA; his sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Claudia (Ron) Bell, Louaine (Greg) Wetch, Roger (Becky) Graner, and Virginia Mehlhoff (Dan Kraft), all of Mandan; his beloved dog, Axel; as well as numerous nieces and nephews and countless friends.

LeRoy was preceded in death by his parents; three sisters, Yvonne (Jim) Hurkes, Charmaine Helbling, and Juliana Helbling; brother-in-law, William Fox; in-laws, Leland and Angela Graner; and nephew, Jesse Wetch.

The family would like to thank Weigel Funeral Home, St. Joseph Catholic Church, and the Mandan Eagles for their help and support. Special thanks to Barber Mike and Bev Klostreich who are considered part of our family. Also, to all of our family and friends who've already offered and showed up to help with the farm, we appreciate you so much.



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**Parish Rosary & Vigil**

Tuesday, August 5, 2025; 7:00 PM

**Presider**

Deacon Randy Frohlich

**Funeral Liturgy**

Wednesday, August 6, 2025; 12:30 PM  
St. Joseph Catholic Church, Mandan, ND

**Celebrant**

Fr. Josh Waltz

**Musicians**

Erhardt Family

**Casketbearers**

Roger Graner, Russell Graner, Don Rychlik  
Nathaniel Rychlik, Mike Klostreich, Leonard Luithle  
Don Entzel, Marvin Hatzenbuhler, & Terry Preszler

**Lector**

Mike Wiser

Prelude

*"Go Rest High on That Mountain"*

Processional Song

*"Be Not Afraid"*

*Liturgy of the Word*

Old Testament Reading

Ecclesiastes 3:1-11

Response

Psalm 23

*"The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want."*

New Testament Reading

Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18

Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:1-12a

Homily

*Liturgy of the Eucharist*

Preparation of Gifts Song

"Amazing Grace"

Presentation of Gifts

Eucharistic Prayer

Communion Songs

*"On Eagle's Wings"*

Communion Meditation

*"In the Garden"*

Final Commendation

"Song of Farewell"

Closing Song

"How Great Thou Art"

**Committal Service**

**Mandan Union Cemetery**  
Mandan, North Dakota

*The family invites you for food & fellowship at the Mandan Eagle's Club,  
1400 Collins Avenue, immediately following the burial service.*