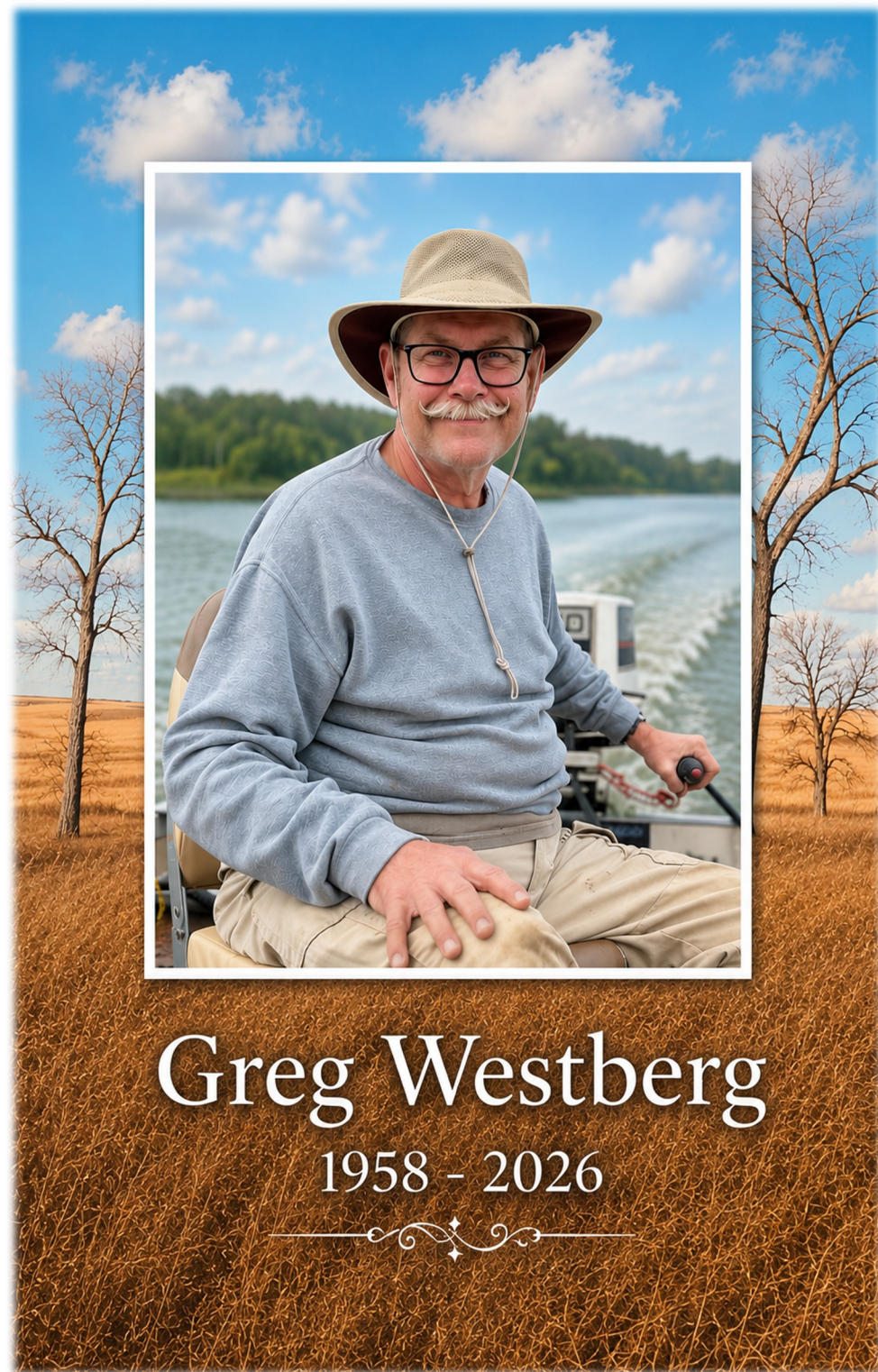




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“I strive always
in all things to
understand as clearly
as possible and follow
the will of God, and
this in the most
perfect way”

~Blessed Karl of Austria



Greg Westberg
1958 - 2026

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF GREGORY JOHN WESTBERG

Our beloved husband, father, brother, grandfather, and friend, Gregory John Westberg, passed away peacefully on May 30, 2026, with his wife and children by his side following complications from cancer therapy.

Gregory John Westberg was born April 14, 1958, in Saint Paul, Minnesota, to Julius and Clarice (Raiter) Westberg. Two years later, his sister, Linda joined the family, and the two shared a special bond throughout their lives.

Greg often spoke of the wonderful childhood he enjoyed. Surrounded by friends and a loving family, some of his fondest memories were spent fishing and enjoying summers at Lake Henry with his cousins, aunts, uncles, and extended family. He often said he could not have asked for a better childhood and credited his parents for providing a life filled with love, adventure, and happy memories. He remained especially close to his father, Julius, and grandfather, John, throughout his life.

He graduated from Henry Sibley High School in 1976, and worked at Perkins before answering the call to serve his country. In 1978, Greg joined the United States Army and proudly served for 22 years, retiring honorably in 2000 with the rank of Sergeant First Class. While in the army, he achieved his Associates degree in history from the University of Kansas. His military career took him many places and provided countless experiences, but he remained deeply patriotic and proud of his service to the country he loved.

Greg was united in marriage to the love of his life, Susan Schreiber, in 1987. She was his soulmate in every way possible. Together they built a life centered around faith, family, and community and were blessed with eight children: Anna 1988, Elizabeth 1990, Josephine 1993, William, 1995, James 1997, Mary 1999, Teresa 2002, and Patricia 2004. Their home was always filled with activity, laughter, and love.

Above all else, Greg was devoted to his family. He had a remarkable gift for making each of his children feel special. Whether it was taking one child at a time into town for McDonald's ice cream, a favorite treat, a toy, going on long walks, sharing conversations about anything and everything, or creating family traditions that lasted a lifetime, Greg made sure his children knew they were loved. Annual fishing trips to Lake Metigoshe, trick-or-treating adventures, family gatherings, and countless outdoor excursions became treasured memories because he was at the center of them.

An avid hunter and outdoorsman, Greg eagerly anticipated opening day each fall and carried on hunting traditions that became a cornerstone of family life. Susan often joked that she was a "hunting widow" from September through January. His freezer was always full, and he took great pride in passing his love of hunting, fishing, and the outdoors on to his children and grandchildren, especially his sons.

Greg was also passionate for history, particularly United States military history. He enjoyed collecting firearms, target shooting, and sharing his knowledge with family and friends. Saturday nights often found him sitting in his favorite chair surrounded by his children, watching the classic horror movies he had loved since childhood while sharing popcorn and ice cream. He also enjoyed spending time watching shows such as Mountain Monsters, Forgotten Weapons, and Forged in Fire.

Those who knew Greg will remember his quick wit, sharp sense of humor, and ability to make people laugh. He was a proud smartass in the best possible way always ready with a joke, a story, or a perfectly timed comment. He could spot nonsense from a mile away and never hesitated to say so. Despite his many accomplishments, he

remained humble and grounded. His humor, kindness, and authenticity drew people to him, and he never met a stranger whose name he wouldn't remember.

Greg was immensely proud of his children and grandchildren. He cherished his grandchildren and treasured every opportunity to spend time with them. Like his father before him who had a deep appreciation for those who married his children, Greg held a special place in his heart for his daughter-in-law, Kaitlyn, whom he loved as family. He thought highly of his future daughter-in-law, Michaela Granger, and was looking forward to celebrating her marriage to his son, James. He also greatly admired and appreciated his son-in-law, Travis, and the love and support he brought to the family. He had respect for his son-in-law, Peyton, who looked up to him and he welcomed Peyton to the family as his own son. He adored his daughters companion, Caleb, and was deeply proud of the man he became.

His daughter, Anna, often affectionately referred to him as her "Teddy Roosevelt," admiring not only their similar appearance but also his love of hunting, firearms, the outdoors, and his unwavering confidence. Like Roosevelt, Greg was strong-willed, independent, and never one to tolerate nonsense.

Greg was a devout man of faith who lived his life rooted in the teachings and traditions of the Catholic Church. His commitment to the traditional Catholic faith was evident in his daily life, guiding his values, decisions, and relationships. He found strength and peace in prayer and the sacraments, and he took great comfort in his spiritual devotion throughout his life.

Greg's family will forever cherish the memories. Most of all, they will remember a man who gave them an extraordinary childhood, taught them by example, loved them unconditionally, and made every member of his family feel valued.

Greg's greatest legacy is not found in his military service, hunting trophies, or accomplishments, but in the family, he loved so deeply. He was a devoted husband, a proud father and grandfather, a loyal friend, will continue to live on in the hearts of all who knew him.

Greg's dream was to live in a small farm town in North Dakota and to quote Greg, "And by God, I got that dream."

Greg was preceded in death by his parents, grandparents, father-in-law, and many beloved aunts and uncles.

He leaves behind his wife of nearly 39 years, Susan; his children, Anna Westberg of Fargo, Elizabeth (Travis) Wettlaufer of West Fargo, Josephine Westberg of Bismarck, William (Kaitlyn) Westberg of Castorland, New York, James Westberg and his fiancée, Michaela Granger of St. Anthony, Mary Westberg (Caleb Moore) of Bismarck, Teresa (Peyton) Headley of Aviano, Italy, and Patricia Westberg of Mandan; his grandchildren, Scarlett, William Jr., Eleanor, and Ava; his sister, Linda (Jim) Zawacki of Woodbury, Minnesota; mother-in-law, Nona Ann Schreiber of Mandan; sister-in-law, Nina Hohnstein of El Cajon, California; nieces and nephew, Kari, Eric, and Maria; and his beloved hunting dogs, Raina, Bonnie, and Addie.

In lieu of flowers, please send memorials for the upkeep of St. Clement Oratory of Haymarsh, or charity of your choice.



Please scan the QR code
to view the Celebration of Life
Tribute video for Greg.



St. Anthony Verein Rosary & Parish Vigil Thursday, June 4, 2026; 7:00 PM

Vigil Presider Chris Riedman

Funeral Liturgy Friday, June 5, 2026; 10:30 AM
St. Joseph Catholic Church, Mandan, ND

Celebrant Fr. Josh Waltz

Musicians Regina McLain & Emily Storick

Casket Bearers Army National Guard Military Funeral Honors Team

Honorary Casket Bearers Kevin Miller, Robin Fisher
Peyton Headley, Travis Wettlaufer
Caleb Moore, Gerard Maher, & Jerry Wettlaufer

Prelude “*Ave Verum Corpus*” (Mozart)

Processional Song “*Faith of Our Fathers*”

Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament Reading Sirach 2:1-11

Response Psalm 27

“*The Lord is my light and my salvation.*”

New Testament Reading Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39

Gospel Reading John 11:17-27

Homily

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of Gifts Song “*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*”

Presentation of Gifts

Eucharistic Prayer

Communion Songs “*Be Still My Soul*”

“*Panis Angelicus*” (Franck)

Communion Meditation

Final Commendation “*In Paradisum / May Angels Guide You*”

Closing Song “*The Strife is O’er*”

Committal Service **12 Noon at St. Anthony Cemetery**
St. Anthony, North Dakota

***The family invites you for food & fellowship at the St. Anthony Catholic
Church hall immediately following the burial service.***