John died on Monday, October 12, 2026 at the St. Cloud Hospital in St. Cloud, MN; he was 84 years old.

John was born on February 5, 1942, in Morris, Minnesota, to John L. and Alice Hickman. He was baptized at home and later confirmed at Federated Church. John grew up in Morris, where he attended school and graduated from Morris High School with the Class of 1960.

On April 28, 1962, John married the love of his life, Michelle (Mickey) Hickman, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Together, they shared 64 wonderful years of marriage, building a life filled with love, family, and countless cherished memories.

John spent his working years as a farmer, a life that reflected his hardworking nature and love for the outdoors. He was happiest outside, whether he was working on the farm, tackling a new project, or enjoying one of his many hobbies. John had a lifelong love for hunting and fishing, spending countless hours enjoying the outdoors. In his younger years, he also enjoyed playing town team softball, making many lasting memories and friendships along the way. John and his wife, Mickey, shared a love for bowling, but one of their greatest joys was cheering on their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. John and Mickey loved attending their sporting events, school activities, and special occasions. They were incredibly proud of their family and treasured every opportunity to cheer them on and celebrate their accomplishments. They also enjoyed spending time with family and friends, whether it was gathering around the table for a game of cards, playing a friendly game of pool, or simply sharing stories and laughter with those they loved.

Above all, John's greatest joy was his family. He held a special place in his heart for all of them, and nothing made him happier than spending time with them. Whether he was playing, sharing a laugh, or wrapping them in one of his big hugs, Grandpa John had a way of making even the simplest moments special. To his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, he was a source of endless love, laughter, and comfort. His hugs were the kind that made everything better, and the love he gave them will be something they carry in their hearts forever.

John is survived by his wife, Mickey Hickman; his children, Chad (Katie) Hickman of Plymouth and Shelly Hickman of Fargo, ND; his 10 grandchildren, Cody (Michele) Hickman of Morris, Cassey (Kyle) Wittenburg of Wyndmere, ND, Calley (Nate Goff) Hickman of Alexandria, Correy (Brady) Birch of Jamestown, ND, Cortney (Joey Krenz) Hickman of Herman, Joshua Smith of Bemidji, Danielle Smith and Megan of Fargo, ND, and Zoey and Hunter Hickman of Plymouth; and his 10 great-grandchildren, Beau, Annie, Brynne, and Myla Hickman of Morris, Eleanor, Emmet, Emerson, and Elliot Wittenburg of Wyndmere, ND, and Jaidyn and Jackson Smith of Bemidji. He is also survived by his siblings-in-law, Pam (Chuck) Rose of Brandon, Scott (Shannon) Boettcher of Barrett, and Lori Boettcher of Hornick, Iowa, along with many extended family members and friends.

John was preceded in death by his son, Todd Hickman, and daughter-in-law, Karie Hickman; his brother, Gary Hickman; his parents, John and Alice Hickman; his parents-in-law, Arnold and Carol Boettcher; and his brother-in-law, Ed Boettcher.

John will be remembered for his hardworking spirit, his love for his family, and the countless hugs, laughs, and memories he shared with those around him. Though he will be deeply missed, the love he gave so freely will live on in the hearts of all who knew him.

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

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GOD saw you were getting tired
When a cure was not to be.
He closed his *Arms*
around you and whispered,
"Come To Me."
In tears we saw you sinking,
we watched you fade away.
Our *Hearts*
were almost broken,
you fought so hard to stay.
But when we saw you sleeping
so peacefully, free from pain,
we should not wish you back to suffer that again.
So treasure him, Lord, in your garden of rest.
For here on earth,
He Was The Best.

Celebrating THE *Life* OF

John Irwin Hickman

February 5, 1942 - October 12, 2026

Services At:
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Morris, Minnesota
Saturday, October 17, 2026
11:00 a.m.

Officiating Clergy:
Reverend Christopher Richards

Musician:
Nancy Savre

Soloist:
Jere Solvie

Family Memories:
Katie Hickman

Honorary Urnbearers:
Grandchildren:
Cody, Cassey, Calley, Correy, Cortney, Joshua, Danielle, Megan, Zoey, Hunter
Great-Grandchildren:
Beau, Annie, Brynne, Myla, Eleanor, Emmet, Emerson, Elliot, Jaidyn, Jackson

Interment:
Summit Cemetery
Morris, Minnesota