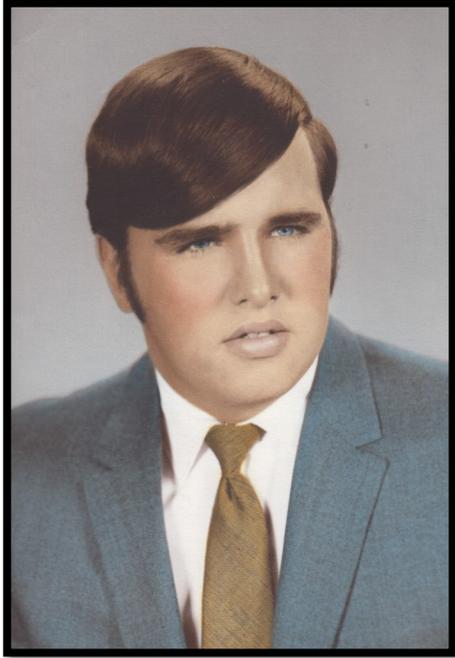


## Remembering the life of...



Robert J. "Bob" Mertens, a lifetime dairyman/farmer of the Lake Region, passed away on Friday, October 3, 2025 at CHI, St. Alexius Health, Devils Lake Hospital at the age of 74.

Robert John Mertens was born January 29, 1951 in Devils Lake, ND the son of Henry and Ann (Burckhard) Mertens Sr. He attended St. Mary's Academy and also Devils Lake Central High School graduating with the class of 1970. He continued his education at Lake Region Junior College earning an Associates Degree in Agriculture.

Bob spent his entire life on the farm. He worked at Lakeview Dairy for his Dad and Uncles until 1991, when he and 4 of his brothers purchased the dairy and the farmland and it became Mertens Farms. They continued milking cows until 2001 when they sold the dairy operation and expanded the grain farm. Robert remained very active on the farm until 2012 when he retired.

Bob was a member of the Devils Lake Rural Fire Department and the Knights of Columbus. In his younger years he enjoyed membership in a Bowling League and the Elks Lodge.

Bob was a dedicated coin collector, and enjoyed hunting and fishing.

Bob felt truly blessed to have the love and support of family, especially these past years as his health deteriorated. Special thanks to the staff at Lakota Good Samaritan for the care given to Bob.

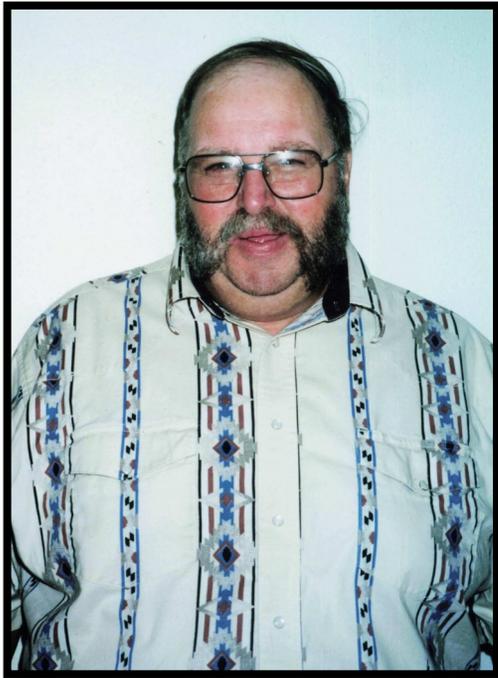
Bob's loving family includes his siblings Barbara (Richard) Erickson of Auburn, WA, Don Mertens, Dennis (Julie) Mertens, Tom (Diane) Mertens and Tim Mertens all of Devils Lake; nephews and nieces Lance Erickson, Brandon (Kelsey) Mertens, Ryan Mertens, Lucas (Bobbie) Mertens, Rebecca (Derrick) Rygg, Benjamin (Haley) Mertens, Stephanie (Tyler) Nelson, Nathan (Haley) Mertens, Jacob (Emma) Mertens, Jessica Mertens and Brett Mertens; many precious great nieces and great nephews, several dear aunts, uncles and many beloved cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents Henry and Ann, sisters Joyce Mertens and Carol Mertens, brother Henry Mertens Jr. niece Leslie Erickson and sister-in-law Sheila Mertens.

## *In Loving Memory*



*Bob Mertens*



*Forever Loved, Forever In Our Hearts  
Our Dear Brother, Uncle, Nephew, Cousin, Friend*

# **Robert John Mertens**

**January 29, 1951 ~ October 3, 2025**

## **ROSARY AND SCRIPTURE SERVICE**

*Gilbertson Funeral Home Chapel*

*Devils Lake, North Dakota*

*Thursday, October 9, 2025 ~ 7:00 p.m.*

*Rosary led by the Knights of Columbus*

*4th Degree Honor Guard*

*Scripture Service led by Reverend Mr. Ken Severinson, Deacon*

## **MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL**

*St. Joseph Catholic Church*

*Devils Lake, North Dakota*

*Friday, October 10, 2025 ~ 10:00 a.m.*

## **CELEBRANT**

*Reverend Karmalraj Balasamy*

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

*Jodi Kurtz, Vocalist*

*Audrey Myklebust, Organist*

## **LECTORS**

*Jacob Mertens and Nathan Mertens*

## **GIFT BEARERS**

*Rebecca Rygg, Stephanie Nelson and Jessica Mertens*

## **CASKET BEARERS**

*Lucas Mertens ~ Brandon Mertens*

*Nathan Mertens ~ Jacob Mertens ~ Brett Mertens*

## **HONORARY BEARERS**

*Lance Erickson ~ Ryan Mertens ~ Benjamin Mertens*

## **EARTHLY PLACE OF REST**

*St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery*

*Devils Lake, North Dakota*

## **FIREFIGHTERS HONORS**

**Firefighters Prayer and Final Alarm**

*Shawn Weltikol, Fire Chief*

*Devils Lake Rural Fire Department Volunteers*

## ***A Farmer's Prayer***

***Lord, bless this land you've given me***

***And may I always know***

***As I tend each crop and creature***

***You're the One who helps them grow.***

***Grant me the strength and wisdom***

***Please protect me from all harm,***

***And thank you, Lord***

***For your gracious gift...***

***The blessing of my farm.***