

Neil J. Delaney, age 67 of Perham, passed away on Friday, April 11, 2025.

Neil James Delaney was born on December 17, 1957 at St. James Hospital in Perham to Joe and Carrie (Hendrickx) Delaney. He was the 9th of 14 children and grew up on the family farm near Perham.

He went to elementary school at St. Henry's Catholic School and graduated from Perham High School in 1976. As a child Neil played around the farm with his siblings and neighbors. He enjoyed skiing down the hills on the farm. He was a part of building elaborate snow forts and igloos, and tunnels in the haymow. He also did farm chores and field work.

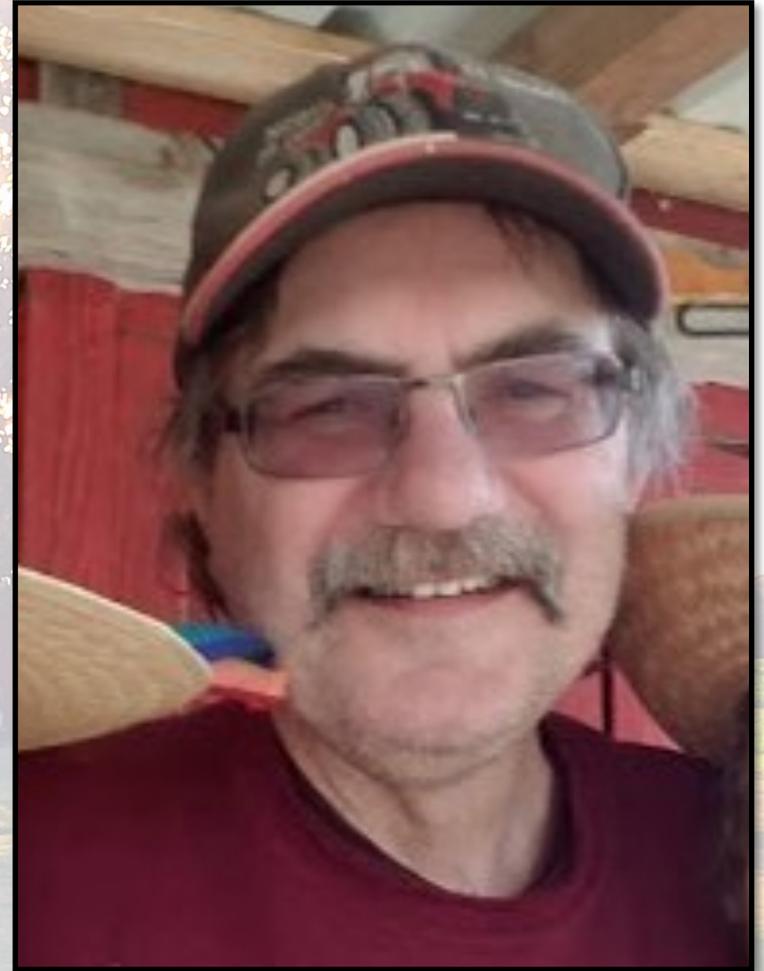
Neil always enjoyed animals, nature, Allis Chalmers tractors, and old TV westerns. He collected old west and army toys and collectibles, coins, baseball cards and vintage items, especially toys. He built many military model airplanes and ships; he was quite artistic. He enjoyed snowmobiling with his brothers and deer hunting. Neil played men's league softball for the Perham Sports Center and the Cactus Cowboys in left field. He also played for the Perham Creamery.

Neil worked at Swift's, Crane Johnson, the potato farm, Tuffy's, Barrel O' Fun and Otter Tail Bean. He was a big fan of the Twins and Vikings.

Neil is survived by his siblings and in-laws Pat Peichel, Barb Schave, Peggy (Jim) Riepe, Ed (Sue) Delaney, Debbie (Dave) Nebosis, Bob Delaney, Kevin (Arlene) Delaney, Steve Delaney, Sue (Mike) Jones, Dianne (Mike Prow) Delaney, and Joe (Sharlene) Delaney; brother-in-law Art Sazama; numerous nieces and nephews; and Luke the cat. He was preceded in death by his parents Joe and Carrie; sister Carol Sazama; brother Paul Delaney; and in-laws Larry Schave, Carol Wogikoski, Diane Delaney, and LeRoy Peichel.

Neil is remembered as a quiet, kind, gentle and sentimental soul. His siblings appreciate how he cared for their parents allowing them to remain on the home place for many years.

Celebrating T H E L I F E O F



Neil James Delaney
December 17, 1957 - April 11, 2025

“Eagles Fly”

*Now I'm alive, I can breathe the air
Feel the wind, smell the earth in the air
I watch an eagle rise above the trees
Project myself into what he sees*

*Take me away
Come on and fly me away
Take me up so high
Where eagles fly*

*I often dream I sail through the sky
I've always wished I could fly
The simple life of a bird on the wing
Oh Lord, I could sing*

-Partial lyrics by Sammy Hagar

Memorial Service

Monday, April 21, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

Schoeneberger Funeral &
Cremation Service
Perham, Minnesota

Officiant

Father Tom Skaja

Musical Selection

“Eagles Fly” - Sammy Hagar

Readings

Psalm 96:11-12
Ecclesiastes 3:1-8
Matthew 11:25-30