

*For those I love, for those
Who Love Me,*

When I am gone, release me; let me go ...

I have so many things to see and do.

You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears.

Be happy that we had so many years.

I gave you my love.

You can only guess how much you gave me
in happiness.

I thank you for the love you each have shown,

But now it's time I traveled on alone!

So grieve a while for me, if grieve you must.

Then let your grief be comforted by trust.

It's only for a while we must part.

So bless the memories that lie within your heart.

I won't be far away, for life goes on.

So, if you need me, call and I will come.

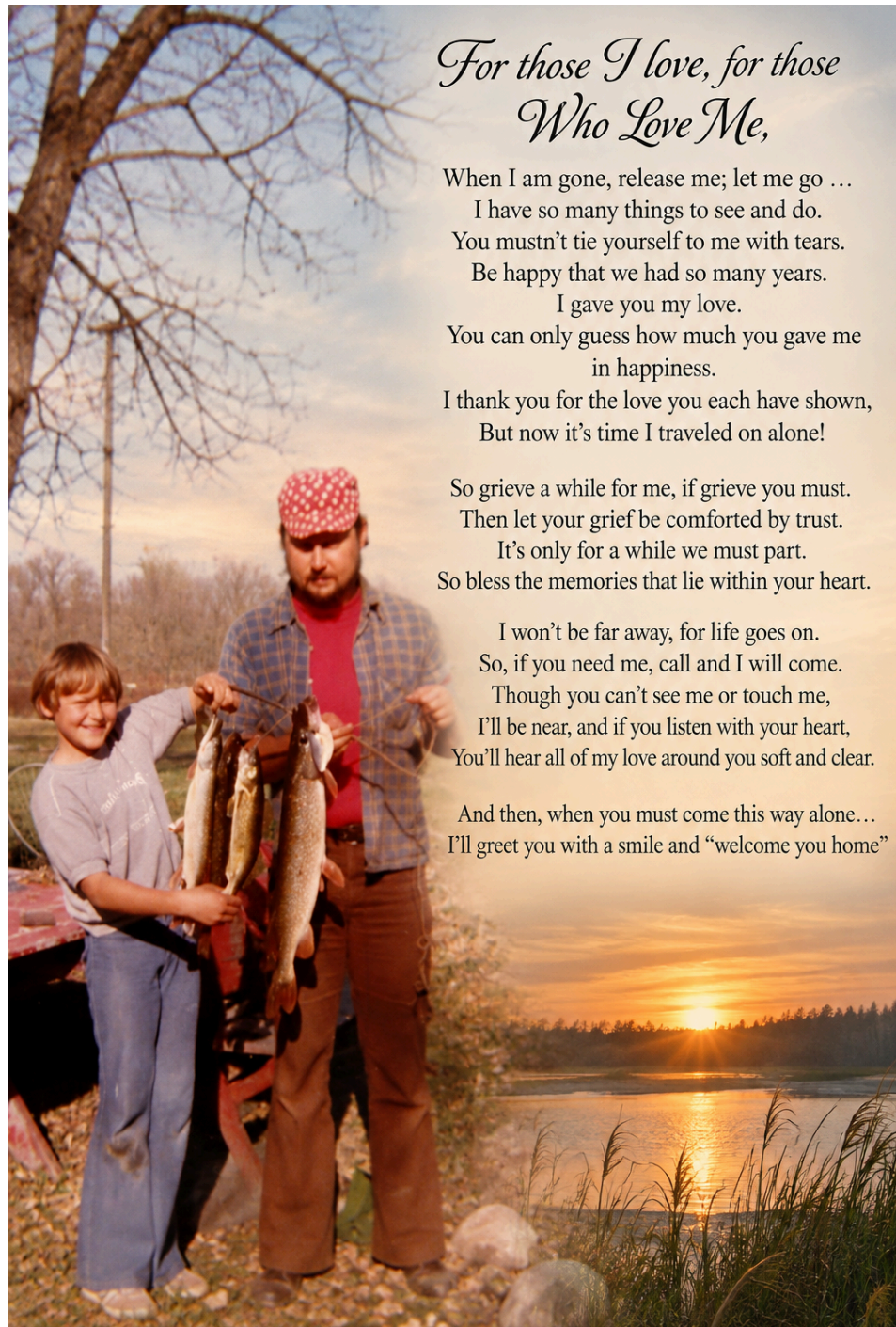
Though you can't see me or touch me,

I'll be near, and if you listen with your heart,

You'll hear all of my love around you soft and clear.

And then, when you must come this way alone...

I'll greet you with a smile and "welcome you home"



In Loving Memory

Larry Palen

May 2, 1946 ~ September 2, 2026



Larry Palen, 80, of Bismarck, formerly of Mandan, passed away on Wednesday, September 2, 2026 in Bismarck.

Larry was born May 2, 1946, in Minot, North Dakota, the son of James and Fern (Hansen) Palen. He was raised and educated in Minot, graduating from Minot High School. Following high school, Larry began his lifelong career with the railroad.

While on a trip to Iowa, Larry met the love of his life, Karen Hurlbert. The two were married on August 5, 1965, beginning a marriage that would span more than six decades. They made their home in Minot before moving to Mandan in 1982, where they raised their family.

Larry dedicated 41 years to the railroad, eventually retiring as a Carman with BNSF in 2006.

Outside of work, Larry enjoyed the simple things in life. He loved to fish and especially enjoyed camping at Lake Audubon with friends. He also had a lifelong passion for boxing. From a young age, Larry loved watching fights and could often be found watching them whenever he had the opportunity. He would even rewatch old fights, enjoying them as much the second time around.

Larry will be remembered most of all as a devoted husband, loving father and grandfather, and a man with a strong mind and an even stronger will. He was tough, determined, and, as those who knew him would say, "tougher than a boiled hoot owl." Larry was a great friend and co-worker.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Karen; daughter, Wendy (Robert) Bohrer; grandchildren, Dalton (Nicole) Bohrer, Dawson Bohrer, and Delaney Bohrer; great-grandchildren, Addison, Brynlee, and Carlyle; sister, Deborah Davis; sisters-in-law, Bertha Harper and Cindi Hurlbert; brother-in-law, Terry (Paula) Hurlbert; as well as several nieces and nephews and a host of extended family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Fern Palen; son and daughter-in-law, Dion (Mary); siblings, Judy and Gary and brother-in-law Gerry.



Celebration of Life **Larry Palen**

Services Held

Friday, September 11, 2026; 6:00 PM
Weigel Funeral Home, Mandan, ND
Presider: Pastor Joel Winckler

Words of Grace and Greeting

Prayer

Hymn

"How Great Thou Art"

Reading of the Obituary

Sharing of Memories

Scripture Readings

Message

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Committal

Benediction

Closing Song

"Long Cool Woman"
(In a Black Dress)

