

Franklin John Renfrow, 85, passed away surrounded by the love of his family, leaving behind a lifetime of hard work and service. He proudly served his country, his community, and his church. Frank was a devoted Christian and faithfully worshipped with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Grand Forks. He will be remembered as a man of few words with a deep love for his family.

Frank was born on October 9, 1940, at the home of a mid-wife in Underwood, ND, to Walter and Janet (Nordquist) Renfrow.

After high school, Frank proudly served his country in the United States Army. He returned home and settled in Emerado, ND, where he built both a career and a life. For 35 years, he worked in the civil engineering squadron at the Grand Forks Air Force Base. Beyond his career, he invested in his community and served nine years on the Emerado City Council.

Frank and JoAnn were married in Laramie, WY in 1977. Frank brought three children, Kim, Kelly, and Kindra, while JoAnn brought four, Dana, Janell, Darren, and Justin. During their nearly 50 years together, he welcomed 21 grandchildren with unmistakable pride. By all accounts, the grandchildren could do no wrong in Grandpa's eyes. His children often joked that the rigid, strict rules they grew up with somehow disappeared for the grandkids.

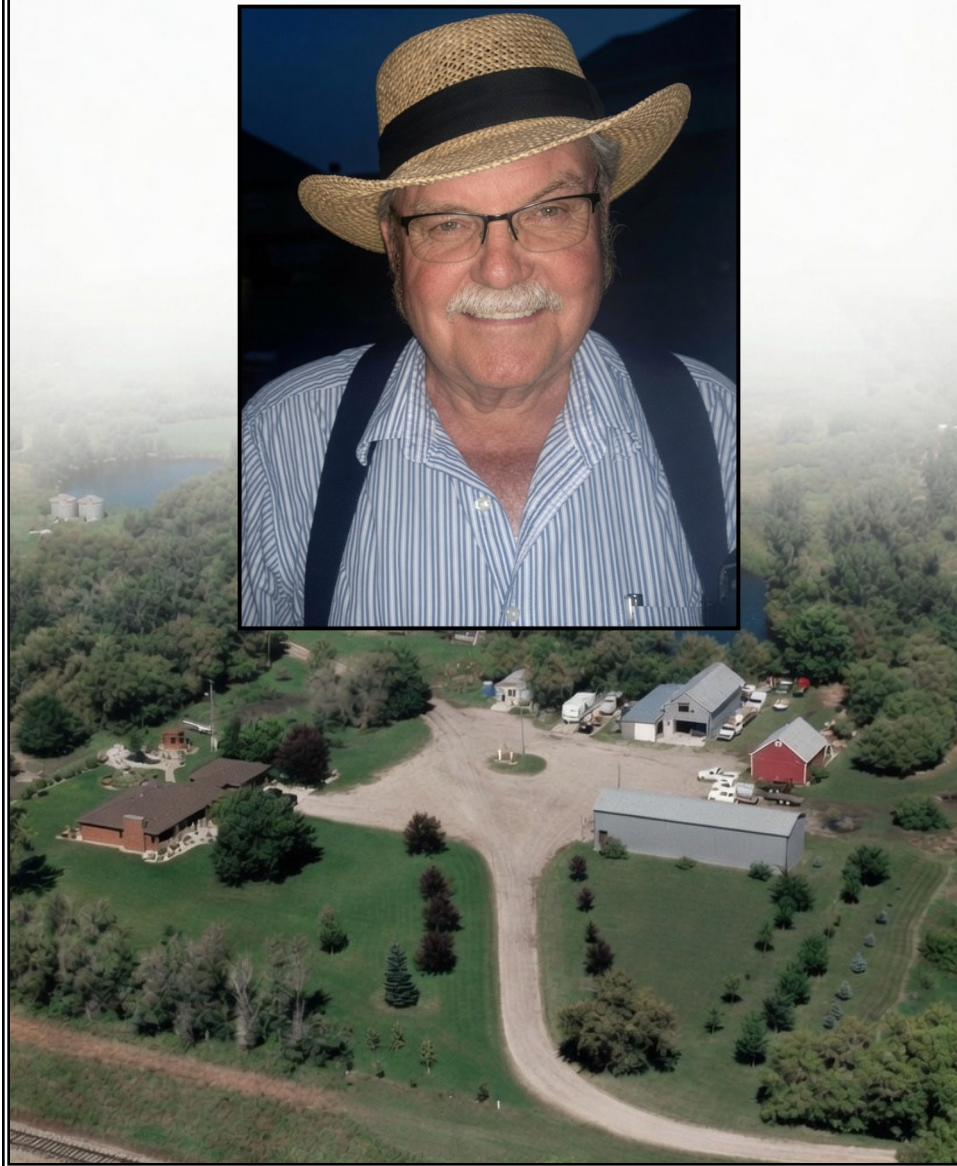
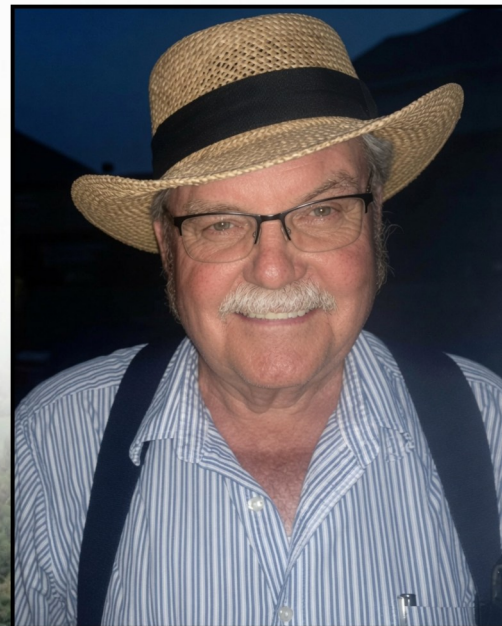
His other great love was restoring old trucks. A gifted mechanic, welder, and problem solver, his restored trucks earned admiration and awards both locally and across North Dakota. Many knew him by his beloved blue 1951 Ford F-100, which was his daily driver, and rarely went unnoticed. He especially enjoyed the antique truck community and looked forward to participating in Lanny Moore's truck runs.

Frank is survived by his devoted wife, JoAnn Renfrow; his children, Kimberlee (Craig) Eken, Kindra Hanevold, Kelly (Tammy) Renfrow, Dana (Michael) Winter, K. Janell (Gregg) Phipps, Darren (Kari) Renfrow, and Justin (Simonette) Gram; his siblings, Naomi Bovkoon, Janet Davis, Wilma Sandburg, and Curt (Marcella) Renfrow; 21 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren, with one more eagerly awaited; along with many nieces, nephews, extended family members, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Walter and Janet Renfrow; his sisters, Verna Just and Doris Laib, his brother, Charles Renfrow, and one son-in-law, Orin Hanevold.



Celebrating the Life of **FRANK RENFROW**



-Life Lessons-

You may have thought we didn't see,
Or that we hadn't heard,
Life lessons that you taught to us,
But we got every word.
Perhaps you thought we missed it all,
And that we'd grow apart,
But Dad, we picked up everything,
It's written on our heart.
Without you, Dad, We wouldn't be,
The children we are today;
You built a strong foundation,
No one can take away,
We've grown up with your values,
And we're very glad we did;
So here's to you, dear Dad,
From your forever grateful kids.



FRANKLIN JOHN RENFROW

October 09, 1940 ~ July 31, 2026

DATE & TIME OF SERVICE

Friday ▪ August 7, 2026 ▪ 11:00am
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
Grand Forks, North Dakota

ORDER OF SERVICE

Opening Song.....“I Stand All Amazed”
.....Nichole McCarthy (Granddaughter)
.....Summer Larsen (Great-Granddaughter)
Opening Prayer.....Jon Newman
Scripture Reading.....2 Corinthians 5:6-10
.....Kindra Hanevold (Daughter)
Song.....“How Great Thou Art”
.....Franks’s Grand & Great-Grandchildren
Eulogy.....Randy Olson
Song.....“Amazing Grace”
Memory Sharing.....
Message.....Brother Teruel
Closing Prayer.....Ammon McCarthy (Grandson)
Closing Song.....“God Bless America”

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Jesse Bakke ▪ Chad Eken ▪ Dakota Renfrow
Nash Hanevold ▪ Tucker Renfrow ▪ Bode Gram

BURIAL

Sunset Prairie Cemetery
Emerado, North Dakota

MILITARY HONORS

United States Army
Paden Gray (CW2)

The family wishes to express their appreciation for
your thoughts and prayers. Please join them for lunch
following the burial at the Emerado Community Center.

300 Main St, Emerado, ND 58228