

**Dan** was born on October 29, 1965, in Breckenridge, MN, to Willard and Mavis Onchuck. From an early age, he was known for his kindness, determination, and an unmatched work ethic, qualities that would guide him throughout his life.

Daniel “Dan” attended Wahpeton High School, where he played basketball and first learned his trade and love of farming beside his dad. After graduation, he continued his education at Minnesota State Community and Technical College, earning a degree in Carpentry.

On December 12, 1987, he married the love of his life, Stacie Onchuck (Heitkamp). He built them their house, and together, they built their life rooted in love, partnership, and shared values, creating a home filled with warmth and support.

Dan dedicated much of his life to his customers, whom he cherished, and his Pioneer seed business, taking great pride in his work. He was known not only for his expansive knowledge and dedication, but also for the relationships he built along the way. Beyond work, he found true purpose in helping others - always willing to lend a hand, offer advice, or show up when someone needed help.

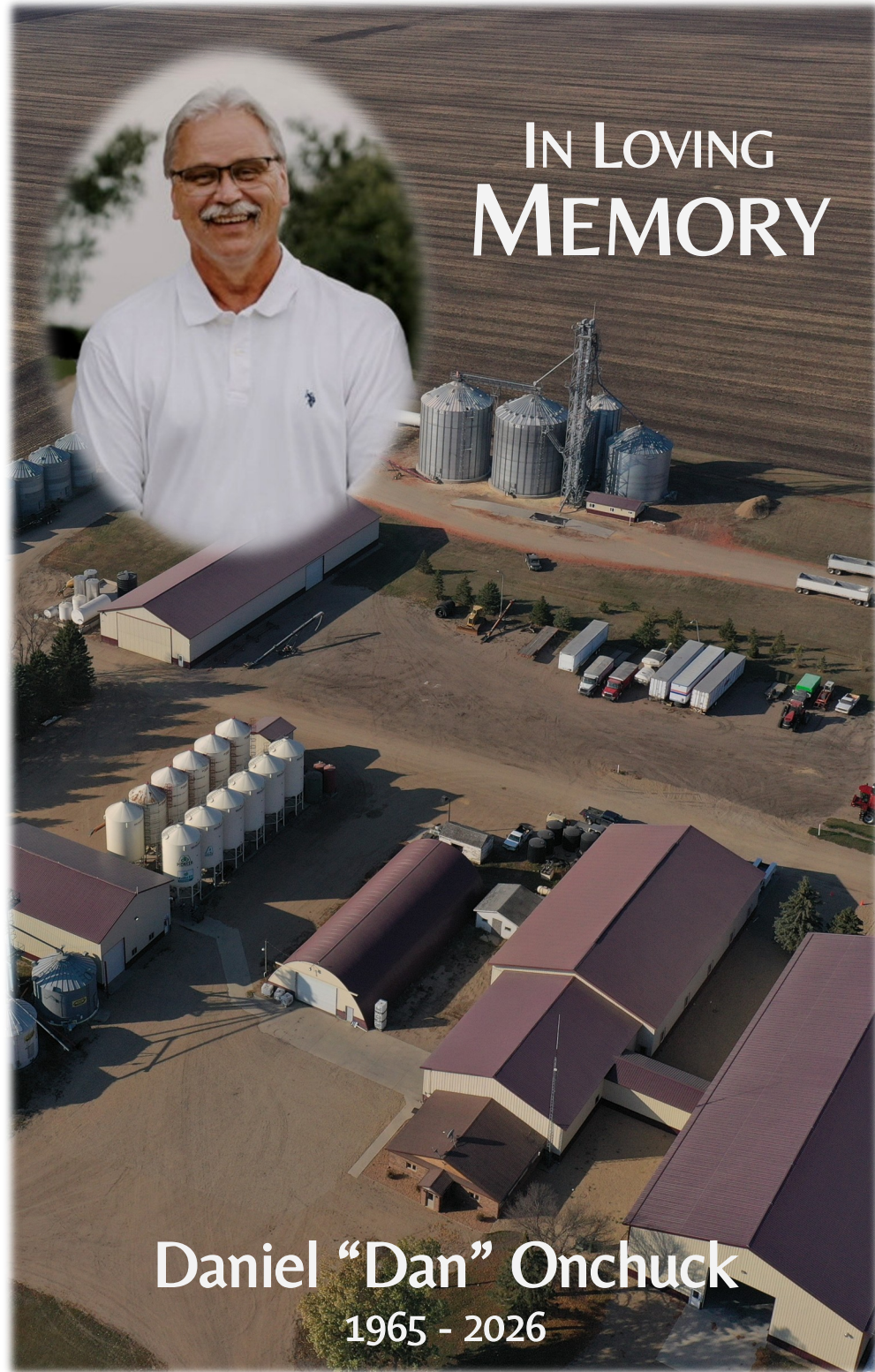
Family was at the heart of everything Dan did. He cherished time spent with loved ones and found the greatest joy in playing with his grandchildren, whether at the farm or at the lake. He was also a phenomenal cook and made the best caramel popcorn. His legacy is one of kindness, generosity, and a deep commitment to helping others in any way possible.

Dan was preceded in death by his parents, Willard and Mavis (Matt) Onchuck; his grandparents, Ludwig and Ella Matt, and Peter and Margaret Onchuck; father-in-law and mother-in-law, James and Peggy (Brandt) Heitkamp.

He is survived by his wife, Stacie Onchuck (Heitkamp), his children, Addie Overland (Cory), and Brody Onchuck (Alivia); grandchildren, Harper and Hayes Overland, and Maren Onchuck; siblings, Mae Hoefs (Delwayne), Sue Stubson (Rick), Tammy Bernhardt (Gary), and Kevin Onchuck; many extended family members and dear friends who will miss him deeply.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed towards Chahinkapa Zoo, as he loved going there with his grandkids.

Daniel “Dan” Onchuck  
will be remembered for his loving heart, hardworking spirit,  
and unwavering willingness to help others.



## The Big Man

Dan was a big man - not only in his stature and his presence, but in what he brought to this world. When you look at your life, you realize there are people who help shape who you are, and Dan was that man to a lot of people, myself included.

There are a lot of words to describe who Dan was, but when you hear people describe him, these were a few that stand out to me.



**Family:** Dan was, first and foremost a family man. He was an amazing husband to Stacie, father to Addie (Cory) and Brody (Alivia), grandfather to Harper, Hayes, and Maren, brother, uncle, and cousin. He put his family before anything and was so proud of them all.

**Kind:** You would be hard-pressed to find anyone as kind as Dan was to everyone he met. He would ask how you were doing and truly mean it. He would help anyone who needed it, no matter how busy he was. Dan was kind to everyone and always had a funny way of getting a smile out of you. You can tell a person's kindness by the way they treat children, and he went out of his way to make every child he met feel special.

**Giving:** Dan was giving in many ways to many people. He gave to his family, his friends, his community, and his customers. He supported a lot of causes, and most importantly was giving of his time to everyone.

**Hard-working:** Dan got up and got at it every single day. It was truly impressive how he never took a day off from working on his business to take care of his customers. What was even more impressive is no matter how busy he was, there was never a panic. He was calm, collected, and just kept moving forward and got it done.

**Last but not least - Genuine:** To be honest, you would leave meeting Dan for the first time thinking...There is no way that he is that nice all the time....But he was just genuinely that type of person. He could have ten trucks lined up to load beans, see you pull up, stop the forklift, look at you, and ask "How can I help you?".....and he truly meant it. He was a genuine family man and was genuinely kind and caring.

If you ever met Dan, you will never forget him. We can all keep Dan in our memories as a role model to live by.

We all know that because of the person he was, the Big Man is upstairs with the other Big Man...I bet he stopped to ask how he was doing and how he could help.

# Daniel "Dan" Onchuck



## Born

October 29, 1965 | Breckenridge, Minnesota

## Passed Away

March 27, 2026 | Wahpeton, North Dakota

## Age

60 Years | 4 Months | 29 Days

## Mass of Christian Burial

10:30 PM | Wednesday, April 1, 2026

St. John's Catholic Church | Wahpeton, North Dakota

## Officiant

Fr. Greg Haman

## Organist

Pat Keaveny

## Cantor

Jackie Medenwald

## Congregational Hymns

"Blessings" | "Like a Child Rests" | "Supper of the Lord"  
"Song of Farewell" | "Go Rest High on that Mountain"

## Honorary Pallbearers

Dan's Pioneer Customers

## Active Pallbearers

Dennis Heger | Damon DeVillers | JJ Jaehning | Austin Munson  
Duane Smith | Bobby Buck | Dale Krause

## Interment

Calvary Cemetery | Wahpeton, North Dakota