

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;
blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

How does a man say in just a few words a relationship between a father and a son across a lifetime. I guess the best I can do is this--- Thank you for teaching me what it takes to be a man, a father, a brother, a worker, and a friend. Without your guidance, and advice I would be lost. Thank you father for my life!
-Your loving son David.

Dad lived life like he did construction, never taking short cuts always going the extra mile, Believed in a hard-working day or stay home! He didn't need your help; he built things with his two hands twice over just to tell you it was tornado proof. Dad thanks for teaching me to never judge a book by its cover, that taught me that love is the one thing money couldn't buy. I love you dad I hope I was everything you wanted in a son. -Joseph

Dad, you once asked me how to be a father, and I said I don't know figured it out. Well it looks like you did. I love you dad my father my angel. -Angela

He was the humblest person I knew. With strong hands he pushes thru life, helping the ones he loved always singing and joking around, just to see you smile. Never complaining. His presence on this earth will forever be missed.
-Cynthia

I would like to say that dad was a person in my life that helped me see my potential and never gave up on me or any of his family and friends. He was a strong man both physically and mentally which made me want to be strong like him. He is my inspiration for finishing my education and I promised him I would no matter what. I love him and will miss him dearly. -Amber

Leon was there for me when no one was, he was patient and cared about me no matter what. He never gave up on me, I will miss our morning prayers with coffee.
-Angie

I will miss YOU.
I will check in from time to time.
I will remember your words of strength and wisdom.
I will remember your loving heart and inviting arms.
I will miss YOU.
-Julia

He was a loyal, honorable Dad. With respect to everyone whom he talked to or came across. He was a true man. -Dan

In Loving Memory



Leander Havermann

July 20, 1945 ~ August 6, 2025

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1945 ~ 2025

Prayer Service

7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, August 13, 2025
St. Boniface Catholic Church
Menominee, Nebraska

Funeral Mass

10:30 a.m.
*Luncheon Immediately
Following Before Burial*
Thursday, August 14, 2025
St. Boniface Catholic Church
Menominee, Nebraska

Officiant

Fr. James Keiter

Music

Be Not Afraid - 563
Table of Plenty - 312
I Am the Bread of Life - 355
On Eagle's Wings - 565
Amazing Grace - 571

Pallbearers

Brandon Novak – Joseph Havermann
Joseph Suing – Daniel Havermann
Alfred Mutua – David Havermann

Burial

Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery
Yankton, South Dakota

Leander Henry Havermann was born on July 20, 1945, at home in Menominee, Nebraska, to Joseph and Gertrude (Albrecht) Havermann. Leon was one of eight children, he grew up as a devoted member of St. Boniface Catholic Church, where he was actively involved.

He completed his first eight years of school in Menominee, then continued for two years of High School in Crofton, Nebraska. Leon enjoyed playing baseball for Menominee and spent countless hours riding his beloved horse, Flicka. Many evenings, he would ride to the river and fish, sometimes camping overnight with Flicka by his side. His sister, Anita, quoted their mother saying, "She didn't have to worry about Leon because she knew Flicka would take good care of him."

In his youth, Leon also helped run the family dairy, distributing milk to neighbors and the Nu Cheese Plant in Hartington, Nebraska.

Leon met Cathy Pietz in 1965, and they were married the following year in Denver, Colorado. Where they would go on to raise six children together. While living there Leon worked for his brother-in-law at a furniture store before starting his own drywall and construction business. They later returned to Nebraska, where Leon expanded his construction work, serving many farmers and towns across Nebraska and South Dakota. He often managed large crews but eventually chose to focus on local projects so he could remain closer to home and family.

In 1978, Leon and Cathy parted ways. He later settled in the Yankton area, where he met and married Karen Novak. Their marriage brought two more children into Leon's life, making him the proud father of eight. Leon and Karen shared an active role in their Catholic parish, where faith was central to their family life.

He worked a variety of odd jobs for local farmers, enjoyed card games, fishing, hunting, riding his bike, and spending time outdoors. Leon was a man of simple pleasures and steadfast character. Known for his ever-present smile and easy conversation, he cherished time with his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Leon loved being surrounded by family and friends, creating lasting memories through both everyday moments and special occasions.

Leander, age 80, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, August 6, 2025 surrounded by loved ones, in Mission Hill, South Dakota.

Leon is survived by his children: Angela (Joe) Suing; Joseph (Brittany Foreng) Havermann; Julia (Alfred Mutua) Havermann; Dan Havermann; Cynthia (Brandon) Novak; David Havermann; Angie Mensch; and Amber Havermann; 21 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren. Siblings: Anita Gentrup; and David Havermann.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Karen Novak; his parents, Joseph and Gertrude Havermann; his brothers, Norbert, Ed, and Ray Havermann; his sisters, Mary Weinandt and Rita Hoelsing; and grandchildren, Hanna Havermann and Lincoln Hilt. He is also remembered fondly by many nieces, nephews, and friends whose lives he touched. Leon's life was defined by hard work, devotion to family, and a deep faith in God. He will be greatly missed and lovingly remembered by all who knew him.