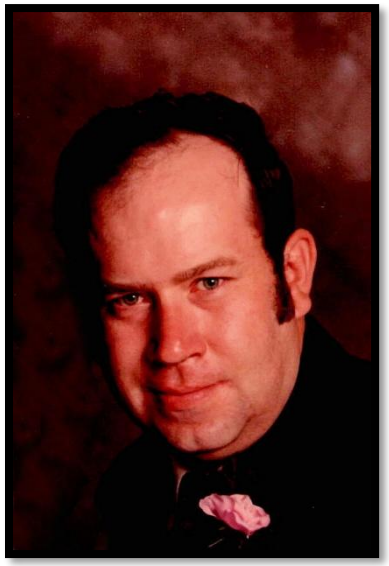


Behold, God Is My Salvation

Behold,
God is my salvation;
I will trust
and not be afraid,
for the Lord God is
my strength and song;
He also has become
my salvation.

—Isaiah 12:2

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Gary Lee Pillatzke

WHO WAS BORN
February 15, 1953
Ortonville, Minnesota

AND CALLED TO HIS ETERNAL HOME
September 22, 2026
Ortonville, Minnesota

MEMORIAL SERVICE
Wednesday, September 30, 2026 – 11:00 a.m.
St. John's Catholic Church
Ortonville, Minnesota

OFFICIANT
Father Shawn Polman

READER
Jason Karels

MUSICIAN
Diane Vangsness, Accompanist

URN BEARERS
All of Gary's Nephews

HONORARY BEARERS
All of Gary's Nieces

INURNMENT
St. Charles Cemetery
Big Stone City, South Dakota

APPRECIATION
Gary's family is grateful for your attendance at this service. Your expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated. Following the memorial service, please join the family for a time of fellowship and refreshments in the church dining room.

Mundwiler & Larson Funeral Home – Ortonville, Minnesota

Gary Lee Pillatzke was born on February 15, 1953, at the Ortonville Hospital, to Donald and Lorraine (Kelzer). He grew up on a family farm near Nassau, MN, where he learned the values of hard work and perseverance instilled by his parents. Gary attended school in Bellingham, MN, and graduated from Bellingham High School.

On May 5, 1984, Gary was united in marriage with Katherine "Kathy" Korstjens at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Milbank, SD. Together, they were blessed with raising their son, Francis.

For more than 40 years, Gary dedicated himself to the granite quarry, where his tireless efforts and commitment to the craft made him a respected figure among his colleagues. Beyond work, he found fulfillment in woodworking, a hobby that allowed him to express his creativity and skill. Gary also enjoyed reading Western novels and watching Westerns on television.

Gary is survived by his wife, Kathy Pillatzke, of Ortonville, MN; his son, Francis Pillatzke, of Ortonville, MN; sister, Carol (Francis) Karels; brother, Dale Pillatzke; along with several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and brothers: Leroy Pillatzke, and David Pillatzke.

Please use this QR Code to view
Gary's online obituary and guestbook.

