

Harlan was born on November 2, 1948, to Pete and Rose Raab in Dickinson, North Dakota. He was raised on a farm southeast of Dickinson as the second oldest of eight children. He helped with the farm until 1969, when he entered the U.S. Army, proudly serving until his discharge in 1971. In 1972, Harlan married Verlene Heck, and together they welcomed four children. They later divorced in 1995. Throughout his life, Harlan worked in a variety of jobs, but his passion and expertise were in the flooring and paint business. He retired in 2016 after 24 dedicated years at Roger Frye's Paint and Supply Store in Rapid City, South Dakota. Even in retirement, he enjoyed working at several liquor stores, where he found joy in visiting with customers. Harlan was an avid outdoorsman who loved hunting and fishing. He also enjoyed bowling, participating in multiple leagues over the years, and was known for his quick wit and sense of humor among teammates. A proud member of both the Elks and the Eagles, he gave his time and talents to various events and causes. He especially enjoyed dining at Millstone in Rapid City, where the staff welcomed him by name. Above all, Harlan's greatest joy was his family. He cherished watching his children and grandchildren grow, always offering love, support, and guidance. He created countless memories at family gatherings, bringing laughter, warmth, and a fierce game of Pinochle. His spirit, humor, and presence will be deeply missed. Harlan Wayne Raab, a beloved father, son, and brother, passed away on September 21, 2025, in Gillette, Wyoming, surrounded by his family. Harlan was preceded in death by his parents, Pete and Rose Raab; three brothers, Marvin, Richard, and Melvin Raab; and his granddaughter, Madalynn Raab. He is survived by his six children: Cory (Brandi) Raab of Sioux Falls, SD; Brad (Chelsea) Raab of Williston, ND; Kyle (Beth) Raab of Gillette, WY; Tina (Dave Engebretson) Raab of Fargo, ND; AJ (Kylee) Koller of Rapid City, SD; and Travis Koller of Rapid City, SD; 15 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren, and siblings, Shirley (Jim) Smith of Grand Forks, ND, Curtis (Linda) Raab of Fargo, ND, Gerald Raab of Dickinson, and Timothy (Mary) Raab of Dickinson.



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November 2, 1948 - September 21, 2025



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FUNERAL LITURGY

Friday, September 26, 2025 11:30 am
Stevenson Funeral Home
Dickinson, North Dakota

OFFICIATING

Father Dennis Schafer

READERS

Shirley Smith & Chandler Raab

PALLBEARERS

Cody Raab	Thomas Raab
Hayden Minchow	Nathan Raab
Michael Raab	Allen Raab

MILITARY HONORS

Dickinson Honor Guard
American Legion Post #3

INTERMENT

St. Elizabeth's Cemetery
Lefor, North Dakota

ARRANGEMENTS BY

Stevenson Funeral Home
Dickinson, North Dakota

Lunch will be served at Stevenson Funeral Home following the Liturgy service. Everyone is welcome.

