



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
Melvin Glenn Cook

WHO WAS BORN

July 18, 1953
Sioux City, Iowa

AND CALLED TO HIS ETERNAL HOME

May 8, 2026
Minneapolis, Minnesota

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Thursday, May 14, 2026 - 10:00 a.m.
Mundwiler Funeral Home
Milbank, South Dakota

CLERGY

Rev. Justin Neugebauer

MUSICIAN

Tim Mundwiler, Vocalist and Guitarist

HONORARY BEARERS

Fred Scavariel | Tanner Farmen | Jacob Giles | Audie Dulewich
Norm Anderson | Joel Begeman | Cameron Stowe | Rich Noordhoek
Mark Poss | Rich Cheatham | Dave Peiker

MILITARY HONORS

American Legion Birch-Miller Post #9
V.F.W. Grant County Post #3486
V.V.A. Northeast SD Chapter #1054
D.A.V. Chapter #19

APPRECIATION

Mel's family is grateful for your attendance at this service.
Your expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated.
Following the service, please join the family for a time of
fellowship and luncheon in the Milbank Community Room.

"Death comes in one size. The same cannot be said of lives.

Some people live larger than others.

*And the surest way to gauge the size of one's life
is by the number of lives they touched."*

Author unknown



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show, online obituary,
and guestbook.

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Melvin Glenn Cook was born on July 18, 1953, in Sioux City, IA. He was the son of Glenn and Edna (Wiebelhaus) Cook. Mel grew up in various places and graduated high school in Newcastle, NE. Mel proudly served in the United States Army from October 10, 1972, until his honorable discharge on November 20, 1975. He was stationed overseas at the end of the Vietnam War. He spent time in Laos, Thailand, and Korea. Mel came back from Asia with good friends, an understanding of the

Laotian language, and enough stories to share over a cocktail to last a lifetime.

Mel was united in marriage with Robin Holman on October 6, 1984, in Watertown, SD. Mel and Robin moved from Jefferson, SD, to Milbank in 1991. Mel worked for Burlington Northern Santa Fe for 40 years until his retirement.

Mel loved meeting people and cracking jokes. If he teased you, you knew you meant something to him. Mel enjoyed his retirement by spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren. He enjoyed doing anything creative: painting, baking, and helping Robin in the craft room. He followed ALL Nebraska Cornhusker sports. Mel loved the outdoors and was a true avid fisherman, spending as much time as possible at his cabin at Lynn Lake, Manitoba, Canada. Mel ventured to Lynn Lake for over 35 years, during which time, he explored the wilderness of Northern Canada, turned his cabin into an outdoorsman's sanctuary, and created a second home for himself, along with close friends that he considered family. The 'cabin' has always been Mel's happy place, and he was generous enough to share it with his family and friends here in the States.

Mel was a member of American Lutheran Church in Milbank.

Left to cherish Mel's memory are his wife, Robin Cook; his daughter, Rebecca (Fred) Scavariel and their four children: Austin, Corey, Jacob, and Aza; son, Ryan (Nicole) Cook and their seven children: Dawson, Mason, Jeslyn, Jadence, Ryler, Jaxton, and Adeline; daughter, Brytten (Tanner) Farmen; son, Garrett Cook (fiancé Stephanie) and their two children: Maddox and Letty; and brother, Reggie (Nancy) Cook.

Mel was preceded in death by his parents: Glenn and Edna; and three sisters: Bernie, Glenda, and Alice.

Celebrating THE LIFE OF



Mel Cook

1953 - 2026