

Dean Hornbacher, 79, of Fargo, ND, passed away on Saturday, June 21, 2025 at the Sanford Fargo Hospice House.

Dean Paul Hornbacher was born in Benson, Minnesota on August 14, 1945 to Ted and Agnes Hornbacher. In 1951 his family moved to Moorhead, Minnesota where he grew up. He attended Moorhead Public Schools and, upon graduation, went to the University of North Dakota. There he met his future wife, JoAnn Palmer. He graduated in June 1967 and a few days later he and JoAnn were married in Moorhead. They had two children, Steven and Katherine.

He was preceded in death by his parents and grandparents and all of his beloved furry friends.

Dean is survived by his wife, JoAnn; his children, Steven (Thea) and their daughter Sigrid; and Katherine and her children Olivia, Hadley, and Brekken Mineer; his brothers, Bruce, Dilworth, MN; and Jim, Minneapolis, MN. He will also be dearly missed by his sisters-in-law, Judy (Milt) Schenstad and Jan Palmer, both Williston, ND; Jeanne (Kirk) Kennedy, Mesa, AZ; and brothers-in-law, Dick (Angela) and Mike (Sonia) Palmer, Williston, ND.

Dean was a kind, loving, and generous man and we will love him forever. Go Sioux!

IN LOVING MEMORY



DEAN PAUL  
HORNbacher

August 14, 1945 - June 21, 2025



## WILD GEESE

You do not have to be good.  
You do not have to walk on your knees  
for a hundred miles through the desert, repenting.  
You only have to let the soft animal of your body  
love what it loves.

Tell me about despair, yours, and I will tell you mine.  
Meanwhile the world goes on.  
Meanwhile the sun and the clear pebbles of the rain  
are moving across the landscapes,  
over the prairies and the deep trees,  
the mountains and the rivers.  
Meanwhile the wild geese, high in the clean blue air,  
are heading home again.

Whoever you are, no matter how lonely,  
the world offers itself to your imagination,  
calls to you like the wild geese, harsh and exciting-  
over and over announcing your place  
in the family of things.

~ Mary Oliver



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### **Celebration of Life**

Monday, June 30, 2025 - 1:00 PM  
Hanson-Runsvold Funeral Home  
Fargo, North Dakota

### **Celebrant**

Pat Ellison

### **Recorded Music**

"Edelweiss" - from the Sound of Music  
"Turn, Turn, Turn" - The Byrds  
"Do You Want to Know A Secret" - The Beatles

### **Honorary Pallbearers**

Steve Evert - Craig Lemieux - Gary Wolsky

*All are invited to a reception following the service.*