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You are always here, to understand and to guide me.
You help me get along in the confused world.
Intimes of uncertainty, your strength is my pillar of comfort.



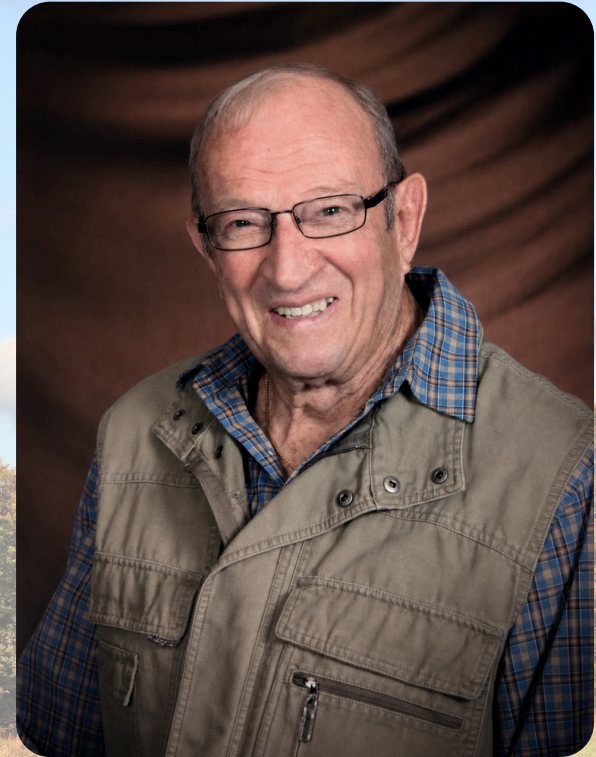
Dementia Prayer

Loving God, Healer and Comforter, we pray for those who suffer from the anxiety, ambiguity and confusion of dementia. In the days of changing memory, be with them in their fears. Surround them with tender love from family, friend, and stranger. Grant them peace in their hearts and dignity in their lives. Let them feel safe, even when the world feels unfamiliar, and loved, even when they cannot say our names.



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In Loving Memory



Donald Eckroth

November 10, 1934 ~ May 3, 2026

Donald Eckroth, 91, of Mandan, passed away May 3, 2026, at Edgewood in Mandan. He finally put himself on his beloved “top shelf.”

Donald was born November 10, 1934, in Mandan, the son of John and Angeline (Leingang) Eckroth. He was the 13th of 16 children and was raised on the family farm alongside his eight brothers and seven sisters. Don was educated at the nearby one-room schoolhouse, Bonanza School #8.

Realizing that farming and ranching were not his life’s calling, Don moved to Mandan where he worked at Kist Livestock before entering the construction field. He worked for North Dakota Concrete Sales and later for the late Lloyd Thompson at Mandan Foundry. Don was part of the team that built the new Heskett Station. His strong work ethic did not go unnoticed, leading to an opportunity in 1966, when he was offered a position with the City of Mandan caring for Mandan Union Cemetery. For 41 years, he took great pride in his work, always wanting the cemetery to look its best for the families of those laid to rest and for the public eye.

On July 7, 1962, Don married Delanis Ferderer at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Mandan. In 1968, their family grew with the birth of their daughter, Dori Jean, who was the apple of his eye. Don and Dori shared a special bond, and he always placed her on a “top shelf.” This was especially evident in his final days, as he waited for her to return home so they could spend time together before his passing.

Don enjoyed gardening, camping, fishing, and hunting. In his retirement, he grew beautiful roses in his yard.

Don was an active member of the Mandan Moose Lodge. He volunteered many hours, wherever he was needed and also achieved the Pilgrim Degree of Honor. He greatly enjoyed the time he spent there and especially valued the friendships he built over the years. Don was a lifetime member of the Mandan Moose Lodge, the Elks Lodge and the St. Anthony Verein. He was also a longtime member of the Eagles Club and the Knights of Columbus.

He was a faithful member of St. Joseph Catholic Church. He especially enjoyed volunteering in Medora during the spring and fall for 10 years. Those who knew him well, often smiled and said, “It’s probably an Eckroth thing,” a phrase the family used when recognizing the pride, dedication, and strong character Don carried throughout his life.

Grateful for having shared in his life is his wife of 63 years, Delanis Eckroth of Mandan; daughter, Dori Ost of Maple Valley, WA; grandchildren, Dylan Lee Ost and Jake Donald (Abby) Ost; great-granddaughters, Maeve and Iyla; siblings, Rosella Kuhn and Raymond Eckroth; sister-in-law, Phyllis Eckroth, Caroline (Frank) Felson, and Pauline Cushman; brother-in-law, Gene Hatzenbeler; along with many caring nieces and nephews.

Don was preceded in death by his parents; his parents-in-law, John and Mary Ferderer; brothers, Alex (Judy), Adam, John (Ethel), Jake (Judy), Vincent, Albert (Bernice and Alice), and infant Valentine; sisters, Elizabeth (Edward) Miller, Hildegard (Albert) Miller, Genevieve (Robert) Haller, Viola (Bob) Klesalek, Lorraine Hatzenbeler, and infant Mary Magdalene; brothers-in-law, Ralph Kuhn, Eugene Gress, and Fred Cushman; and sister-in-law, Priscilla Eckroth.

Memorials are suggested to the Theodore Roosevelt Foundation, PO Box 1696, Bismarck, ND, 58502.

Special thanks to the staff and caregivers at Edgewood in Mandan for the wonderful, dedicated care they gave to Don and for the many special friendships he made there. Don put each one of you on his “top shelf”.

Moose Ritual, Rosary, & Parish Vigil

Thursday, May 7th, 2026

Men of the Moose Ritual; 6:45pm

St. Anthony Verein/KC Rosary

Parish Vigil; 7:00pm

Weigel Funeral Home, Mandan, ND

Presider: Dcn. Bob Wingenbach

Musician: Julie Ternes

Mass of Christian Burial

Friday, May 8th, 2026; 10:30 AM

Church of St. Joseph, Mandan, ND

Celebrant: Fr. Josh Waltz

Concelebrant: Fr. Keith Streifel

Cantor: Kate Garcia

Accompanist: Gene Mosbrucker

Pallbearers

Eric Eckroth Ray John Eckroth

Jason Mildenberger Calvin Ost

Sam Mettler Jerry McClure

Honorary Pallbearers

Christ Silbernagel Kent Berger

Rocky Erhardt, Danny Hugelen

Dakota Moose Association,

Pilgrim & Fellows

Lectors

Gerri Fleck & Melinda Miller

Order of Service

Prelude

“In the Garden”

Processional Song

“Be Not Afraid”

Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament Reading

Ecclesiastes 3:1-11

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 23

“*The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.*”

New Testament Reading

1 Corinthians 12:31-13:8a

Gospel Reading

John 14:1-6

Homily

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of Gifts Song

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

Presentation of Gifts

Dylan Lee Ost; Jake Donald & Abby Ost

Eucharistic Prayer

Communion Songs

“I Am the Bread of Life”

Communion Meditation

“How Great Thou Art”

Final Commendation

“Song of Farewell”

Closing Song

“Lead Me Lord”

Committal Service

12:00 PM; Mandan Union Cemetery

Mandan, ND

***The family invites everyone to the Mandan Moose Lodge (111 11th Ave NE)
following the committal service for food and fellowship.***