



THE MAN IN THE ARENA

“It is not the critic who counts: not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles or where the doer of deeds could have done better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood, who strives valiantly, who errs and comes up short again and again, because there is no effort without error or shortcoming, but who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, who spends himself in a worthy cause; who, at the best, knows, in the end, the triumph of high achievement, and who, at the worst, if he fails, at least he fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who knew neither victory nor defeat.”

Theodore Roosevelt



FOREVER LOVED
ALBERT MARVIN
COOLEY III
“MARV”



CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
DR. ALBERT MARVIN COOLEY III

August 17, 1944 - April 10, 2026

MEMORIAL SERVICE

11:00am ▪ Saturday ▪ May 30, 2026

Sharon Lutheran Church

Grand Forks, North Dakota

OFFICIATING

Deacon Jamie Travers

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalms 23

John 14:1-6

Maggie Walker (Niece)

Alex Olson (Nephew)

MUSICAL SELECTIONS

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

(Congregational ▪ Roxanne Gessler: Pianist)

“Amazing Grace” & “The Sweet By and By”

(Recorded Selections)

MILITARY HONORS

United States Army National Guard

American Legion Post: 157 ▪ VFW Post: 3817

The family wishes to express their appreciation for your thoughts and prayers. Please join them for lunch following the service.

Albert Marvin “Marv” Cooley, 81, of Grand Forks, North Dakota, passed away peacefully at home on April 10, 2026, surrounded by his family.

Marv was born on August 17, 1944, in Grand Forks to Albert and Margaret (Fosmark) Cooley. He graduated from Central High School in 1962, where he enjoyed playing baseball and hockey. He was a proud member of the school’s first state championship hockey team. He continued his education at the University of North Dakota, where he played baseball for three years alongside his younger brother, Alex.

Marv attended the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences, completing his Bachelor of Science in Medicine, followed by clinical training at Northwestern University in Chicago, Illinois and graduating with his Medical Doctorate in 1971. He went on to complete an internship at the University of Tennessee before returning to Grand Forks to finish his residency in pathology at the University of North Dakota. It was during this time in 1974 that he met his wife, Bev (Gravseth), at the downtown YMCA. They married in June of 1977. He spent the following two years fulfilling his military obligation as a Major in the U.S. Army at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, serving as a staff pathologist.

Marv returned home to Grand Forks, where he built a long and dedicated career in medicine. He worked at Altru Hospital (formerly United Hospital) from 1978 to 2018, most notably as Medical Director of the Dak-Minn Blood Bank, and Director of the Laboratory. He was also a valued member of the faculty at the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences from 1978 to 2015, serving as an Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of Pathology for several years. He was deeply committed to medicine and teaching future generations of physicians and health professionals.

One of Marv’s many hobbies included playing handball, winning several state championships and developing friendships that would last a lifetime. Marv cherished time spent with family and friends, especially during summers and his retirement years in Sioux Narrows, Ontario on Lake of the Woods. He loved watching his sons compete in sports, rarely missing a game over the years!

He is survived by his beloved wife, Bev; his three sons, Matt (Hital) in Brunswick, Maryland, Sean (Hanna) in Stillwater, Minnesota, and Jake (Jess) in Madison, Wisconsin; and his four grandchildren, Ian, Evelyn, Emma, and Cooper.

Additional survivors include in-laws, Jane Cooley, Barb (Chuck) Olson, Gary Gravseth, Dennis (Evon) Gravseth; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Albert and Margaret Cooley; his brother Alex; Bev's parents, Erling & Martha Gravseth; sister-in-law, Yvonne Gravseth; and nephew, Todd Gravseth.



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