



*When a cowboy's last ride is done
And he's called to the great roundup,
He'll hang up his boots and saddle
And lay his weary body down.*

*He'll ride a trail of endless sky,
Where the grass is green and rivers run,
Where herds are fat and free to roam,
And every cowboy's work is done.*

Author Unknown



Kelly Froelich

1966 — 2025



Kelly G. Froelich, 59, Selfridge, passed away September 30, 2025, after complications from triple bypass surgery.

Kelly was born February 12, 1966, in Bismarck, to John J. and Barbara (Vetter) Froelich. He attended St. Bernard Catholic Elementary in Fort Yates and graduated from Fort Yates Public High School in 1984. He attended both Bismarck Junior College and North Dakota State University, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Science from NDSU in 1989. In 1993, he met his wife, Renee (Lord) of Bismarck, and they were married on August 11, 1995. Together, they raised two children and spent over 30 years on the family ranch, where they raised registered Quarter Horses and commercial Sim/Angus cattle, nine miles north of Selfridge. Kelly had a deep-rooted passion for agriculture and conservation, dedicating his life to stewarding the land, improving livestock genetics, and preserving the ranching legacy for future generations. He especially loved working with horses and took great pride in continuing to enhance Quarter Horse bloodlines, blending proven genetics with beautiful roan colors and practical

ranch performance. Over the years, horse customers and cattlemen became more than buyers; they became cherished friends and extended family. For over 30 years, Kelly was on the board of the Cedar Soil Conservation District and also served on the State Soil Conservation Committee for two terms. Community leadership was important to Kelly, so, among other memberships, he served as a USDA Area IV Research Director and a Selfridge Farmers Union Board Member. He volunteered as a firefighter with the Selfridge Rural Fire District and was a board member of I-BAND. In 2000 and in 2006, Kelly and Renee were honored as the NDSU Agriculturist Family of the Year, and received the Cedar Soil Conservation Award in 2012. In 2009, he and his family received the AQHA Legacy Breeders Award for registering horses for 50 consecutive years. They were later recognized as the first AQHA Ranch Heritage Breeders in North Dakota in 2010. In 2024, Kelly and other members of the Froelich Ranch were inducted into the North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame. Kelly's laughter came easily, and he cherished time spent with family and friends. He loved to joke and tease in good fun, and he was rarely seen without a smile. Some of his greatest joys came from watching his children compete in football, basketball, volleyball, and track; he was always their biggest fan in the stands.

Kelly is survived by his beloved wife, Renee; his children, JW (Alisha) Froelich and Brooke Froelich (fiancé, Tyler Vossler); and his grandchildren, Colt (2) and Ryder Froelich (newborn). He is also survived by his siblings, Warren (Mary), Terry (JoAnn), Rodney (Kathy), Gayle Froelich (David Marquard), Kurt Froelich (Susan Hepper), and Kay (Bryan) Tischmak; along with numerous nephews, nieces, great-nephews, great-nieces, and cousins. Kelly was preceded in death by his parents, John (1993) and Barbara (2011). As purple was Kelly's favorite color, we encourage guests to wear something purple in his honor.

Prayer Service Wednesday, October 8, 2025; 6:00 PM
Prayer Service Deacon Randy Frohlich
Funeral Liturgy Thursday, October 9, 2025; 10:30 AM
 St. Joseph Catholic Church, Mandan, ND
Celebrant Fr. Josh Waltz
Musicians Kate Garcia & Gene Mosbrucker
Lectors Kathleen Lord-Olson & Kathy Froelich

Prelude "Lord, I Need You" & "The Old Rugged Cross"
 Processional Song "Here I Am, Lord"

Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament Reading Ecclesiastes 3:1-11
 Response Psalm 23
 "The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want."
 New Testament Reading Thessalonians 4:13-18
 Gospel Reading John 12:23-26
 Homily

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of Gifts Song "Be Not Afraid"
 Presentation of Gifts Joy Froelich & JoLynn Rising Sun
 Eucharistic Prayer

Communion Songs "I Am the Bread of Life"
 "You are Near"
 Communion Meditation
 Final Commendation "Song of Farewell"
 Closing Song "Amazing Grace"

Following the burial service, the family invites you for food and fellowship at the Mandan Eagles, 1400 Collins Avenue.

Burial will be at Mandan Union Cemetery immediately following the funeral service.

Casketbearers

JW Froelich, Lance Froelich, Chase Froelich,
 Dusty Froelich, Kol Harsche, Andy Wirt, Rick Gross,
 Jason Jochim, & John Lord

Honorary Casketbearers

Patrick Becker, Allen Lund, Gene Kahl,
 Vern Kraft, Monte Becker, Bobby Kahl,
 Rusty Kraft, & Michael Seiler



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