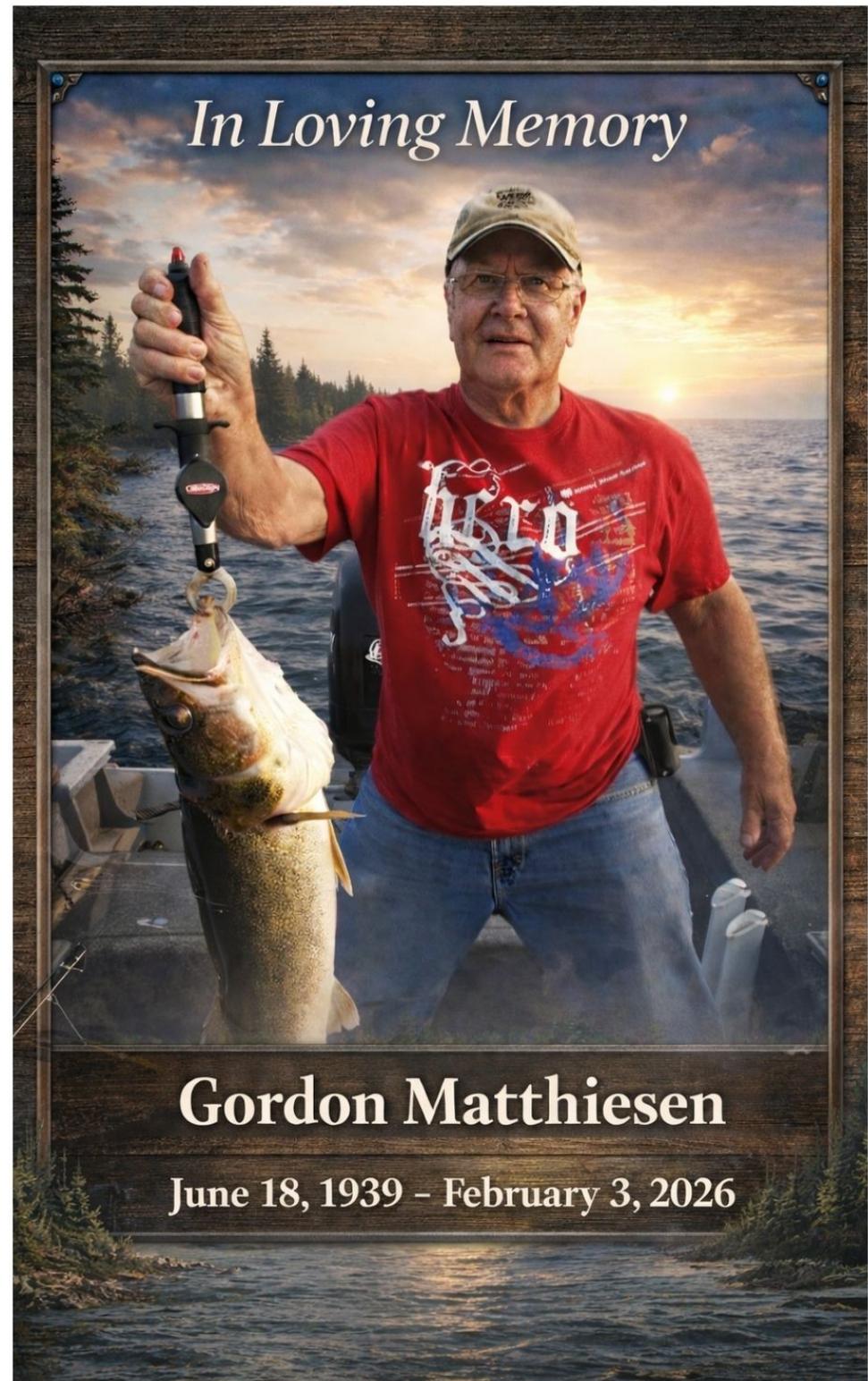


**Going home. Going home.  
He was going home.  
It's not far, just close by,  
through an open door.  
He was going home.**

**Just think of opening your eyes  
& finding heaven.  
Of touching a hand & finding it is God.  
Breathing new air & finding it celestial.  
Of waking up in Glory  
& finding it HOME.**

**So happy for him.  
Gordon is home this morning.**



Gordon Matthiesen, 86, Bismarck, ND, passed away February 3, 2026, at his home in Bismarck.

Gordon was born June 18, 1939, on the family farm in New Salem, to Walter and Emma (Joersz) Matthiesen. He attended school through the eighth grade. Gordon farmed from the age of 16 when his father became ill. In 1962, he moved to Bismarck and worked at Yegen Dairy which became Bridgeman Land O' Lakes. In the 90's it then became Dean Foods. Gordon worked full time and later part time for over 45 years. Having learned many skills over the years, he helped family and friends with many maintenance projects.

On May 14, 1984, he married Charlotte Oleson in Bismarck. Gordon instantly gained the title of Stepdad, Step-Grandpa & later became a Step-Great Grandpa. He loved to play with the kids and tell them jokes. Gordon & Charlotte traveled to most of the states in the United States including Alaska & Hawaii (where they attended Brian & Kennedy Boyden's wedding). Gordon and Charlotte like to travel back roads where they could find sand and hidden treasures, mined for Sapphires & Gold and meet the locals. Gordon collected over 1500 samples of sand across the world. After Charlotte passed away, he loved taking day trips with his special friends Steve & Doug. Gordon loved to fish on the Missouri River, lakes, and many small rivers in ND & SD; he took Paul on several of those trips. Gordon talked about how much he loved taking fishing trips with his Stepson Doug & Chad Myers (Gordon called him his fish netter) to the Lake of the Woods.

Gordon along with his wife Charlotte volunteered in Medora for 7 years and won several medals in events at the Prairie Rose Games. Gordon volunteered for over 20 years and was on board of Directors at Tracy's Sanctuary House. He developed a deep relationship and friendship with the founders of Tracy's House. He worked on many church projects at Evangel. He loved to help people with building projects, mowing lawns & blow snow. He loved making craft items (wooden eggs, letter openers, ostrich egg art & display cases).

Blessed to have shared in his life are two step-sons, Doug and Pam Boyden, Sioux Falls, SD and Paul Schumacher, Mandan, ND; grandchildren, Bridget and Chad Myers, Brian and Kennedy Boyden, Kristina and DJ Starbuck, Riley, Carson, Rachel Ann, and McKennah Schumacher; great grandchildren, Bethanee, Caleb, Noah, Isaac, Gracelyn, Sienna, Merrick, Johanna, and Autumn. Sister, DeLores Reis, Brother in law Art Oster as well as many nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews, and many many friends.

Gordon was preceded in death by his wife, Charlotte, in 2012; grandson, Thomas Douglas Boyden; his parents; sisters & brother in laws Meta (Bob) Suko, Ruth (Vernon) Baumgarten, Sharon (Gary) Paul, Shirley Matthiesen, Jeanette Oster and Larry Reis.

# Memorial Service for **GORDON MATTHIESEN**

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## Honorary Bearers

Paul Schumacher Carson Schumacher  
Steve Orgaard Karl Rakow  
Doug Hanson Bruce Rittle

All close family and friends of Gordon

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Processional - I'll Fly Away

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Scripture Readings

John 14:1-4 - Sarah Morris  
Proverbs 23:6 - Steve Orgaard

Reading of the Obituary - Karl Rakow

Reading of the Eulogy - Bruce Rittel

Special Song - The Old Rugged Cross

Thoughts and Stories about Gordon

Message - Live with No Regrets

Closing Prayer

Recessional - Amazing Grace

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The family invites you for food and fellowship immediately following the service at the church.