

Celebrating the Life of

GARY NEYS

I'M FREE

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God has chosen for me.
I took His hand when I heard him call;
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way;
I've now found peace at the end of day.*

*If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joys.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss;
Oh yes, these things, I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow
Look for the sunshine of tomorrow.*

*My life's been full, I savored much;
Good friends, good times, a loved ones touch.
Perhaps my time seems all too brief;
Don't lengthen your pain with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and peace to thee,
God wanted me now-He set me free*

DATE OF BIRTH

May 9, 1951
Jamestown, ND

DATE OF DEATH

December 3, 2024
Fargo, ND

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

10:00 AM, Wednesday, December 11, 2024
St. James Basilica
The Very Reverend Chad Wilhelm ~ Presiding

MUSIC

Linda Levin ~ Accompanist
Justin Connell & Emily Geinert ~ Vocalists
"Never Not Remember You" ~ Justin Connell
"Here I Am Lord" #533 "How Great Thou Art" #481
"Amazing Grace" #559 "Song of Farewell" #376
"Wherever You Are Tonight" ~ Solo

PALLBEARERS

Carter Burchill ~ Brady Neys ~ Mason Neys
Hayden Neys ~ Nolan Neys ~ Treyton Neys

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

All of Gary's family and friends

INTERMENT

St. Margaret's Cemetery
Buchanan, North Dakota

RECEPTION

At Shady's Bar and Grill immediately following the
funeral service.



Gary Michael Neys, 73, of Buchanan, ND, passed away peacefully on December 3, 2024, at Sanford Hospital in Fargo, surrounded by his beloved family. Gary was born on May 9, 1951, in Jamestown, ND, to Louis and Gertrude (Blaskowski) Neys. He lived a life full of kindness, love, and dedication to his family and community.

Gary graduated with honors from Buchanan High School in 1969 and went on to attend the University of North Dakota and North Dakota State University. In the spring of 1974, Gary returned to Buchanan to pursue his passion for farming and raising cattle, a calling that brought him close to the land and the community he cherished. On June 28, 1974, he married the love of his life, Donna Wahl, at St. James Catholic Church in Jamestown. Together they built a life rooted in love, faith, and family.

Throughout his life, Gary was deeply involved in his community, serving on numerous boards, including the Buchanan Farmers Elevator, the Rural Fire Department, James River Valley Township, and Future Farmers of America. He was a member of St. Margaret Mary's Catholic Church, Buchanan, ND. His commitment to these organizations reflected his dedication to improving the lives of those around him.

Gary will be remembered for his warmth and generosity. His smile could light up a room, and his hugs made everyone feel welcomed and loved. Above all, Gary's greatest joy was his family. He was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, who found immense pride in his children and grandchildren. Gary cherished sharing his lifelong passion for cattle with his grandchildren and great-nieces and nephews.

Gary is survived by his loving wife of 50 years, Donna, Buchanan, ND and his sons Brent Neys, Aberdeen, SD and Dusty (Sheena) Neys, Jamestown, ND. He is also survived by his cherished grandchildren: Brady, Mason, Kaitlyn Neys, Aberdeen, SD, Carter Burchill, Hayden, Nolan, and Karlie Neys, Jamestown, ND; and Jaelyn, Kyrrah, and Treyton Neys, Jamestown, ND; 5 siblings, Jerry Neys, Buchanan, ND, Deb (Mervyn) Ova, Jamestown, ND, Craig (Terrie) Neys, Jamestown, ND, Ron (Paula) Neys, Northville, MI, Becky (Tim) Prodzinski, West Fargo, ND, and brother-in-law Dan Wahl, Fargo, ND, and many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Louis and Gertrude Neys; his in-laws, Wilbur and Lorraine Wahl; and his beloved son, Corey Neys.

Gary's legacy of love and kindness will forever remain in the hearts of all who knew him.

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