

Remembering the Life of David Herbranson~

David Charles Herbranson was born on January 19, 1959, to Theodore K. "Ted" and Anna Marie (Aakre) Herbranson in Detroit Lakes, MN. He was baptized and confirmed at Kollag Lutheran Church. He graduated from Barnesville High School in 1977. He went on to further his education at Moorhead, State University until his dad fell ill, when he went home to carry on the family farm which was settled in 1871.

On July 30, 1982, he married Joanne Krabbenhoff in Trinity Lutheran Church in Sabin, MN. Dave was a farmer all of his life. He absolutely loved farming and passed down his love of agriculture to all of his kids. From the infant age and up, he had them in a tractor and combine seats, either strapped into the buddy seats or blankets on the floors, or behind the seat. They all learned quickly what it meant when he would say "shitt!" He always said a farmer has to have faith in God. "The farmer plants a seed and God has control after that." Dave's love for sports was also what kept him busy when not farming. In high school he participated in football, basketball, and track. He carried this love through his adult life, playing basketball and softball into his 60's. He really enjoyed coaching his kids in basketball and Kollag Softball. Not only because of spending time with his kids but also spending time with his kid's friends. He was among the volunteers who built the Kollag Field of Dreams softball field.

Dave served on many boards and committees, sharing his calm and common-sense expertise. He served on the Kollag Church Council, Clay County FSA, Hawley Silver Lake Oil Company, Barnesville School Board, Hawley Elevator, to name a few. He and Joanne were nominated to serve as Clay County Ambassadors on the Lake Agassiz Emerging Leadership Program.

David is survived by his wife Joanne Herbranson, children: Laura (Paul) Anderson, and their boys Thomas, Will, and Henry; son in law Justin Halvorson and their son Hoyt; Erica (Jordan) Zillmer and their children Theodore, Jayne, Orin, and Norman; Nicole (Brady) Tweston; Simon Pender; Mason Herbranson (fiance' Mikayla Schlauderhoff); one brother Dennis (Sandy) Herbranson; brothers in law Rick Bowler, Jeff (Joliete) Krabbenhoff, David (Crystal) Krabbenhoff, and many special nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Dave was preceded in death by his daughter Jaymie in 2018, parents Ted in 2008, Anna in 2018, sister Marilee Thompson, sister-in-law Christie Herbranson, niece Cheri Thompson, mother and father-in-law Duaine "Shorty" and Nettie "Betty" Krabbenhoff.

David passed away surrounded by his loving family on Saturday, May 31, 2025, at the ValleyCare and Rehab Center in Barnesville, MN at the age of 66 years, 4 months, and 12 days. May his memory be blessed.

Celebrating

THE LIFE OF

DAVID CHARLES HERBRANSON





And on the 8th day, God looked down on his planned paradise and said, "I need a caretaker"

— so God made a Farmer.

God said, "I need somebody willing to get up before dawn, milk cows, work all day in the fields, milk cows again, eat supper, then go to town and stay past midnight at a meeting of the school board"

— so God made a Farmer.

"I need somebody with arms strong enough to rustle a calf and yet gentle enough to deliver his own grandchild; somebody to call hogs, tame cantankerous machinery, come home hungry, have to wait lunch until his wife's done feeding visiting ladies, then tell the ladies to be sure and come back real soon — and mean it"

— so God made a Farmer.

God said, "I need somebody willing to sit up all night with a newborn colt, and watch it die, then dry his eyes and say, 'Maybe next year.' I need somebody who can shape an ax handle from a persimmon sprout, shoe a horse with a hunk of car tire, who can make harness out of haywire, feed sacks and shoe scraps; who, planting time and harvest season, will finish his forty-hour week by Tuesday noon, and then pain'n from tractor back, put in another seventy-two hours"

— so God made a Farmer.

God had to have somebody willing to ride the ruts at double speed to get the hay in ahead of the rain clouds, and yet stop in mid-field and race to help when he sees the first smoke from a neighbor's place

— so God made a Farmer.

God said, "I need somebody strong enough to clear trees and heave bails, yet gentle enough to tame lambs and wean pigs and tend the pink-combed pullets, who will stop his mower for an hour to splint the broken leg of a meadow lark."

It had to be somebody who'd plow deep and straight and not cut corners; somebody to seed, weed, feed, breed and rake and disc and plow and plant and tie the fleece and strain the milk and replenish the self-feeder and finish a hard week's work with a five-mile drive to church; somebody who would bale a family together with the soft strong bonds of sharing, who would laugh, and then sigh, and then reply, with smiling eyes, when his son says that he wants to spend his life "doing what dad does"

— so God made a Farmer.

In Loving Memory of **DAVID CHARLES HERBRANSON**

FUNERAL SERVICE

Wednesday, June 4, 2025 | 11:00 AM | Rollag Lutheran Church | Rollag, Minnesota

OFFICATING: Reverend Keith Zeh

ORGANIST: Pam Aakre

SPECIAL MUSIC: Rollag Gospel Trio Jerry Riddle John Schenck John Seitz
"Blessed Assurance" | "The Old Rugged Cross"

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

"How Great Thou Art" & "Precious Lord Take My Hand"

PALLBEARERS

Dale Aakre | Dean Aakre | Steve Aakre | Tim Aakre | Roger Aakre | Ellis Aakre | Jon Aakre

HONORARY PALLBEARS

All of David's Grandchildren & The Class of 1977

INTERMENT

Rollag Lutheran Cemetery | Rollag, Minnesota

APPRECIATION

On behalf of the Herbranson Family, thank you for your love and support throughout Dave's life. We appreciate your well wishes and your time as we honor him. Please join us for a time of fellowship and food following the service in the church basement.

A special thank you to Hospice of the Red River Valley and ValleyCare and Rehab for their tender care.

Funeral Arrangements Entrusted to | Korsmo Funeral Service | Moorhead, Minnesota