

GARY LYNN WISNESS

BORN TO LESTER & GLADYS WISNESS

November 23, 1947 ~ Williston, North Dakota

RETURNED TO HIS HEAVENLY FATHER

June 3, 2025 ~ Williston, North Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE

Friday, June 6, 2025 at 11:00 AM

First Lutheran Church

Keene, North Dakota

OFFICIATING

Pastor Peder Stenslie

EULOGIST

Jane Mangel

SCRIPTURE READERS

Lori Abbruscato Britnee Sweet

PALLBEARERS

Beau Wisness Chase Wisness

Brett Wisness Wyatt Wisness

Bob Wisness Rick Wisness Miles Wollan

USHER

Travis Thompson

MUSIC

"Beautiful Savior" "Jesus Loves Me" "Amazing Grace"

"He Ain't Heavy, He's My Brother"

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Lords Prayer"

VOCALIST

Bob Wisness

MUSICIAN

Michelle Swenson

FINAL RESTING PLACE

Keene Lutheran Cemetery ~ Keene, North Dakota

ARRANGEMENTS BY

Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home

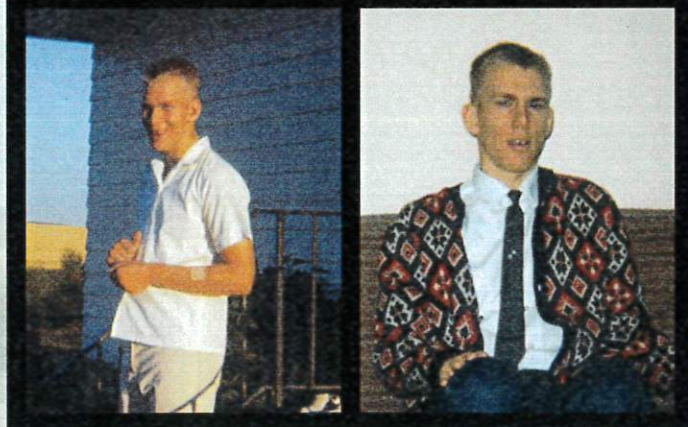
Williston, North Dakota



IN LOVING MEMORY OF GARY L. WISNESS

NOVEMBER 23, 1947 - JUNE 3, 2025





Gary Lynn Wisness was born to Lester and Gladys (Felland) Wisness on November 23, 1947, in Williston, ND. He passed away peacefully at his home on June 3, 2025.

Gary was raised on the family farm in the Keene community with his three siblings, Paul, Jane, and Milo. He was baptized into the Christian faith at Keene First Lutheran Church. At an early age he was diagnosed with special needs. At the age of 8 he attended Grafton State School to get special help for his specific needs. While in Grafton, he enjoyed participating in Special Olympics and attending prom. Gary loved the farm and all its activities so every Christmas and summer his parents would bring him home so he could enjoy the farm. He loved to ride his bike and ride on all the farm equipment and enjoyed the farm animals. His extended family always made him feel included in all activities. He loved to look at farm equipment in magazines and could identify each manufacturer and the type of equipment. His favorite was John Deere. Gary also loved to eat; with his favorite being hamburgers, fries, and coke.

Gary was a beloved member of the Opportunity Foundation family for over 40 years, having joined the agency in 1984. Throughout his time with OFI, Gary brought joy, humor, and warmth to everyone who knew him. His love of farming, especially anything John Deere, was well known and proudly displayed in his room. He was always happiest when going for drives to look at tractors and relaxing with a Western on TV. Before retiring in 2008, Gary worked at the OFI recycling center and on a lawn and snow crew. With a handshake and a grin, Gary made sure to always ask your name whenever you crossed his path. He made everyone feel like a friend the moment he met them. His support staff took him to Bible Camp, community events such as the circus and parades, and visits to his mother in Watford City. Holidays were always special to him. He thrived with all the excellent support provided by his devoted and dedicated help from the Opportunity Foundation staff.

Gary's kindness, unforgettable smile, and enthusiasm for life made a lasting impact on his friends and support staff. His presence brought countless smiles, and he will always be remembered as a truly special part of the OFI community.

Gary is survived by his brother, Paul (Sandi) Wisness; his sister, Jane (Dwight) Mangel, and sister-in law, Julie Wisness; as well as many nieces and nephews who were dear to him. Gary was a special part of our family, taught us unconditional love, and will be deeply missed. Gary will join his parents Lester and Gladys, his brother Milo, and nephews, Levi Charles, Joshua Glenn and Russell Paul in heaven.



The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven,

Hallowed be thy name;

Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done

on earth as it is in heaven

Give us this day our daily bread;

And forgive us our trespasses

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the Kingdom, and the power

and the glory, forever.

Amen