

Remembering the life of....

On Friday, February 7, 2020, the Lord called to his eternal rest David Leroy Melander, age 68, of West Fargo, ND. He died suddenly of cardiac arrest while on vacation with his wife in Las Cruces, New Mexico.

David was born on May 24, 1951 in Fargo ND to Leroy and Maxine (Gotfredsen) Melander. While growing up, he helped his dad on the family farm. David graduated from Westwood High School in Mesa AZ, where he especially enjoyed playing the tuba. He later graduated from NDSCS in Wahpeton with a welding certificate.

On August 19, 1972 he married Bonnie Stuebs at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Watertown, WI. In 1976 the Lord blessed their marriage with a daughter, Melissa, and again in 2007 with the miraculous birth of triplet granddaughters, Anna, Allie and Abby. His greatest joys were fishing trips, camping trips with his family and the time spent with his dogs and cats.

After working as a welder for Peterson Fabrication, Watertown WI, he purchased his own welding shop in Casselton, where he was fondly known as "Soot". After selling the welding shop he worked for a local farmer, Bob Pyle, in Casselton ND. He then moved to W. Fargo, where he worked for DMI and Gremada Industries. In 2008, due to major health issues he was forced to retire. The positive side of this was he now could spend more time enjoying fishing and his family.

David leaves behind his wife Bonnie, his daughter Melissa (Mason) Leverage, and granddaughters Anna, Allie and Abby, his sister Dianne, his uncle Allen, five brothers-in-law, four sisters-in-law, numerous cousins, other relatives and friends. He is also survived by his dog, Dolly, who was his constant companion and his cat Gracie.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Leroy and Maxine Melander, paternal grandparents, Agnes and Aron Melander, maternal grandparents Sena and Max Gotfredsen, brother-in-law Roger Stuebs, and many aunts and uncles.



FISHERMAN'S PRAYER

I PRAY THAT I MAY
LIVE TO FISH
UNTIL MY DYING DAY.
AND WHEN IT COMES
TO MY LAST CAST,
I THEN MOST
HUMBLY PRAY:
WHEN IN THE LORD'S
GREAT LANDING NET
AND PEACEFULLY ASLEEP
THAT IN HIS MERCY
I BE JUDGED
BIG ENOUGH TO KEEP.



*The family wishes to express their appreciation
for your kindness and support. Please join them
for fellowship immediately following the service.*

Celebrating the life of

DAVID LEROY MELANDER

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MEMORIAL SERVICE

West Funeral Home Chapel

West Fargo, North Dakota

Thursday, February 13, 2020 - 2 pm

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Invocation

Reading of Obituary

Hymn: "On Eagles Wings"

Sentences

Bible Readings

Hymn: "Amazing Grace"

Sermon

Hymn: "How Great Thou Art"

Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Committal Service

PARTICIPANTS

Officiant - Pastor Ralph Stuebs

Obituary Reader - Pastor William Stuebs

Scripture Reader - Anna Leverage

Pianist - Gail Krause

HONORARY BEARERS

Dave's Granddaughters

Anna, Allie & Abby Leverage

DAVE
MELANDER