



In Memoriam

Jerry Wagner

Gerold "Jerry" Wagner, 77, passed away peacefully in his home in Rapid City, South Dakota, on July 11, 2026.

Jerry was born in Eureka, South Dakota to Theophil and Edna (Fischer) Wagner. He had four siblings, Berniece, Eileen, Elroy and Ervin.

He was married to Sandra Vermundson October 21, 1967 at Zion Lutheran Church in Aberdeen. To this union were three children, JerryJay, Michelle and Bradley.

Jerry grew up in Eureka until the family moved to Aberdeen in 1956. Jerry attended school there and worked delivering newspapers and at the drive-in restaurant in his teen years.

After getting married he worked at Burkhart Bakery delivering bread to Aberdeen and surrounding area grocery stores. Later he worked at K.O. Lee until he decided to go into business for himself. He started out doing sanitation work and then started painting. In 1977 he and a good friend, Johnny Brown, decided to get into the Asphalt paving business. After a year they went out on their own. In 1977, Jerry settled in Rapid City, South Dakota and for the next 49 years, he, his wife and children ran and built the business together.

In 2007, Jerry ventured again with his best pal Darrell Lich and bought a little convenience store in Hill City. They ran it as-is for a year, before tearing it down and built a new convenience store, bar and restaurant. They called it "The Country Store at the Forks." They had a ball and made many friends along the way. Tragically, an altercation involving Darrell, who was hurt in the process forced them to have to sell the store.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Elroy and Ervin; sister-in-law, Wilma; brothers-in-law, LaVerne Heupel, Walter Schock; daughter, Michelle Snipes and grandson, Jacob Wagner.

Grateful for having shared a beautiful life with him are his wife, Sandra; son JerryJay (Jeanne) and Bradley; grandchildren, Kylea (Anthony), Merrick (Jonah Kelly), Aiden, Ta'Keyah Huck (Jeremiah) and Jaleel Snipes (Mialeah). All the great grands and light of his life, Isaiah, Teyo, Sophia, Brecken, Jazlyn, Delilah, Arabella and Novalee.

Visitation will be from 5 pm to 7 pm on Wednesday evening at Kirk Funeral Home. Funeral Services will be at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, July 23rd, at Westminster Presbyterian Church. A reception will follow at the Ramkota Convention Center.

Jerry's Memorial Photo Video can be view at:

<https://www.kirkfuneralhome.com/obituary/gerold-wagner>

In lieu of flowers the family would like folks to consider a donation to the Rapid City Area School Lunch Program.

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