

## ***Remembering...***

Lyle Edward Hovland was born on May 19, 1941 to Alvin Gilman and Agnes Albertina (Malingen) Hovland in Pelican Rapids, MN. He was baptized and confirmed at Little Bethany Church in rural Barnesville. He attended the Lawndale Country School through the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. He then went on to graduate from Barnesville High School in 1959. He was a proud member of the FFA in high school. He worked on the family farm all through the years and then enlisted into the US Marines and served his country for three years. He was stationed in many places including California and Okinawa. He returned home to Minnesota and picked up where he left off on the family farm.

Lyle married Diane Velo on May 18, 1974 at South Immanuel Lutheran Church. They made their home on the family farm in Prairie View Township where they raised two children. He farmed dairy, corn, and beans. He cared for and loved the land. Lyle's pride was his family including his five grandchildren.

He served on numerous boards including the MN Grain and Feed Association, Golden Growers Cooperative and served on the Board of Directors, Rothsay Farmers Coop, and for the last 20 years he has been on the Wilkin County Commission and served the third district. He was a lifelong member of Little Bethany Church and served the church in many ways.

Lyle is survived by his wife Diane (Velo) Hovland, of Rothsay, MN; two children: Krysta (Mike) Mischel of Golden, CO, Kurt (Haili) Hovland, of Barnesville, MN; five grandchildren: Tennyson and Berkeley Mischel, Haven, Henley, Hart Hovland; two siblings: Marlys (Charlie) Winkels, of Rothsay, MN, Diane (Steve) Platter of Issaquah, WA; brother-in-law Chuck VanSickle, of Fergus Falls, MN; sister-in-law Marne Jo Hovland; and several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Lyle was preceded in death by his parents, two siblings: Norma VanSickle and Peter Hovland.

Lyle Hovland died on Wednesday, August 9, 2023, at Sanford Hospital in Fargo, ND after battling cancer, at the age of 82 years.

***May His Memory Be Blessed***

## In Celebration For The Life Of



**Lyle Edward Hovland**  
**May 19, 1941 ~ August 9, 2023**

*In Loving Memory of*  
**Lyle E. Hovland**

**FUNERAL SERVICE**

Friday, August 18, 2023 at 11:00 AM  
Little Bethany Lutheran Church  
Barnesville, Minnesota

**OFFICIATING**

Reverend Randy Whitehead

**MUSIC**

Diane Platter ~ Musician  
"The King Is Coming"  
Haven Hovland ~ Pianist

"Shepherd Song"  
Congregational Hymns  
"Children of the Heavenly Father"  
"Amazing Grace"

**URNBEARERS**

Krysta Mischel     Kurt Hovland

**INURNMENT**

Little Bethany Cemetery  
rural Barnesville, Minnesota

**APPRECIATION**

On behalf of Lyle's family, thank you for your love and support throughout his life. We appreciate your prayers and your time as his life is honored. Please join us for a time of food and fellowship following the funeral service.

**Final Harvest**

*He was bound to the land  
from the day of his birth*

*His roots anchored deep in the fertile earth  
Nurtured, sustained, by the soil he grew  
And his life, like his furrows,  
ran straight and true.*

~ ~ ~

*In faith, each spring, he planted the seeds  
In hope, to reap his family's needs  
With patience, he waited  
for the harvest to come  
To gather the fruits of his labor home.*

~ ~ ~

*Ever turning seasons, the years sped past  
'Til the final harvest came at last  
Then claimed anew by beloved sod  
He was gathered home to be with God.*

*~Barbara W. Weber*