

Remembering...

Phillip Merle Pender was born in Moorhead, MN to Howard and Evelyn (Kluck) Pender on June 11, 1957. He graduated from Barnesville High School in 1975. Phillip enlisted in the US Navy serving from August of 1978 to August of 1982. Phillip married Josie Langer on May 27, 1989, in Casselton, ND. They lived in Casselton for many years. Josie passed away on June 9, 2006. Phillip worked as a laborer for a building construction company for many years. Following health issues, he moved to Touchmark at All Saints in Fargo, ND. This past year, Phillip moved to Benedictine Living Center, LaMoure, ND.

Phillip is survived by his brother, Howard (Renae) Pender, Audubon, MN, sister, Susan Pender, Bemidji, MN, nieces and nephews, Jeff (Cassie) Pender, Carrie (Casey) Braton, Beth (Jeff) LaVigne, Jenny (Nate) Thompson, Kevin (Haley) Pender, Heather Briss, Bill (Amber) Briss, Levi (Katie) Pender, Ashley (Darrin) Tucker, Kara (Paul) Linz, Ryan (Jessie) Coon, Michelle (Chad) Coon, brother-in-law, Gary Coon.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Howard and Evelyn Pender, brothers, John and Freemont, sister, Nola Mae, brother-in-law Gary Briss, and nephew Steven Briss.

Phillip passed away on November 19, 2025, at the North Dakota Veterans Hospital, Fargo, ND, at the age of 68 years, 5 months, and 8 days.

May His Memory Be Blessed

In Celebration For The Life Of
Phillip M. Pender





Crossing The Bar

*Sunset and evening star,
And one clear call for me!
And may there be no moaning of the bar
When I put out to sea,*

~

*But such a tide as moving seems asleep,
Too full for sound and foam,
When that which drew from out the boundless deep
Turns again home.*

~

*Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark!
And may there be no sadness of farewell,
When I embark,*

~

*For though from out our bourne of Time and Place
The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have crossed the bar.
~Alfred Lord Tennyson 1889*

In Memory of Phillip Merle Pender

PRAYER SERVICE

Monday, November 24, 2025 | 7:00 PM
Dobmeier Funeral Home | Barnesville, Minnesota

OFFICIATING: Reverend Sarah Bigwood, Baker/Downer Presbyterian Church

INURNMENT (at a later date)

Elkton Cemetery | rural Downer, Minnesota

APPRECIATION

On behalf the Pender family we would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for attending Phillip's service. Your presence brought us comfort and reminded us of the love and support surrounding us during this difficult time. It means so much to us that you took the time to be with us, share your memories, and offer your condolences. Thank you for honoring their memory, celebrating their life, and being there for us as we navigate this loss.