

**Thomas Lee Maier** 79 of Ellendale, ND died August 3, 2026 at his home surrounded by family. Tom was born December 18, 1946 to Jacob "Jack" and Mae (Bollinger) Maier in Edgeley, ND. He was baptized on January 19, 1947. He grew up on the family farm in Ellendale then moved to Minot for a few years and returned to the family farm. Tom attended Albion Township School until the 4<sup>th</sup> grade and graduated from Ellendale High School in 1965. Tom continued his education at UND Ellendale Branch and later transferred to Minot majoring in teaching and coaching. On July 18, 1970 Tom married Lorelei Hamar in Ellendale, ND. He had worked delivering medicine for Lewis Drug and in 1972 he returned to the farm and purchased the Albert Schaller Farmstead. In 1975 Tom and Lorelei purchased the Maier Homestead farm where Tom grew up and lived out his life.

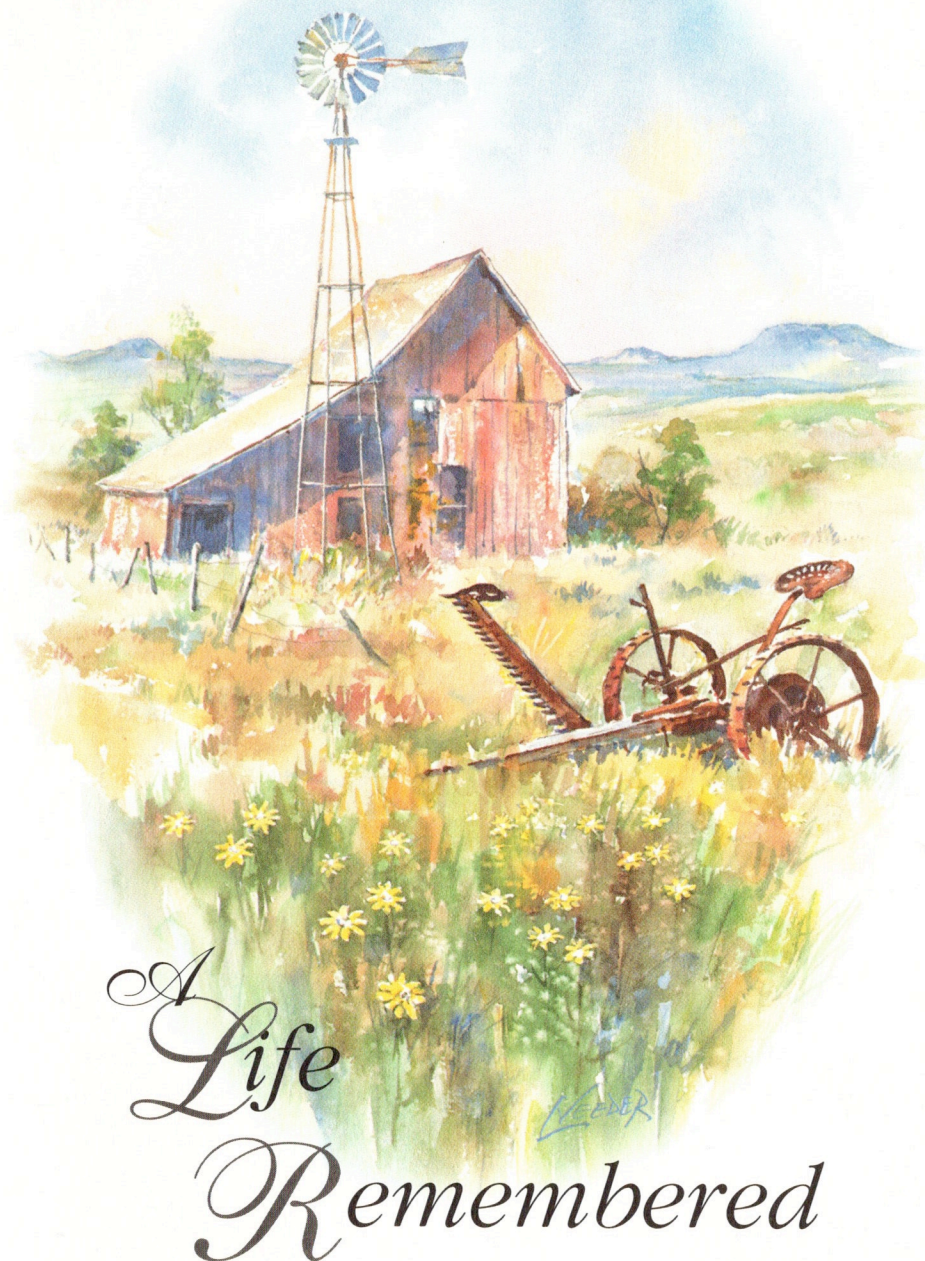
Tom was a member of Albion Lutheran Church and later Zion Lutheran Church, the Trap Shoot Club, Jacees, Pheasants Forever and he officiated high school and college basketball for 20 years.

His proudest moments were spent working on the farm, haying, working cattle with the Sumption crew, playing with his kids and grandkids, and cheering them on at their sporting events. He also loved the outdoors, especially his elk hunt in Montana and fishing trips to Alaska and Lake of the Woods. Many memories and stories were made deer hunting with his closest friends, his sons and his grandsons. Tom carried himself with a tough yet compassionate spirit, a humble pride, and a quiet generosity that touched many lives.

Tom is survived by his wife: Lorelei Maier, sons: Jason (Lynae) Maier of Curtis, Neb.; David (Teresa) Maier of Winfred, SD; daughter: Sarah (Warren) Sumption of Frederick, SD; grandchildren: Will Thomas Maier, Drew David Maier, Laura Margaret Sumption, Milo Warren Sumption, Howard Thomas Sumption, Frederick Warren Sumption, Brody Russell Senff, Elle Louise Senff; sisters: Karol (Mark) Redding, Sherry (Joel) Maly, brothers-in-law: Bruce Holmberg of Rush City, MN, Steven Hamar of Mandan, ND; Joel (Betty) Hamar of Ellendale, ND, sisters-in-law: Nora (Doug) Kane of Bismarck, ND, Alicia (Jeff) Boyle of Ellendale, ND; great nephews Rhett and Hayes Hamar and many other nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews.

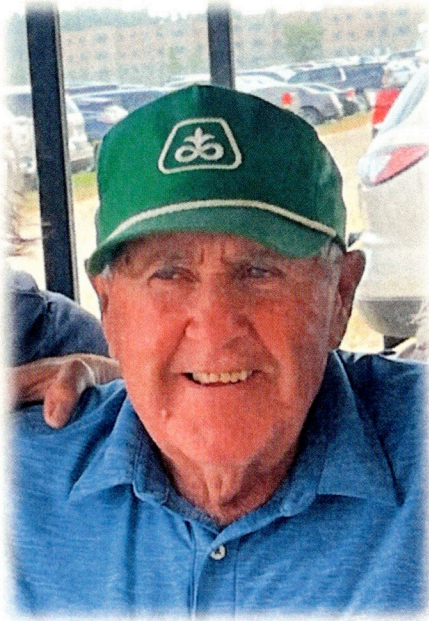
Tom was preceded in death by his parents, mother and father-in-law: Lilian and Lowell Hamar; grandchildren: Thomas John Sumption, Lowell Warren Sumption; sisters: Maureen Holmberg, Jackie Maier; brother: James Maier and sister-in-law: Donna Hamar.

*"I have fought the good fight,  
I have finished the race,  
I have kept the faith."  
2 Timothy 4:7*



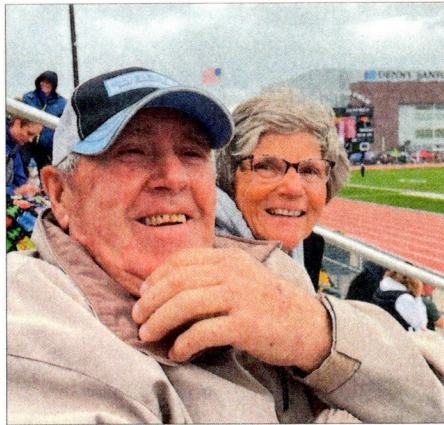
*A  
Life  
Remembered*





*Those we love don't go away.  
They walk beside us every day  
unseen, unheard, but always near.  
So loved, so missed,  
and so very dear.*

“Come to me, all who labor  
and are heavy laden,  
and I will give you rest.”  
Matthew 11:28



*Life is not about being rich, being popular,  
being highly educated or being perfect.  
It is about being real, being humble,  
and being kind.  
This heart is for you-  
you gave so much to everyone else,  
sometimes you forgot yourself.*



In Loving Memory of  
***Thomas Lee Maier***

**Date of Birth**  
December 18, 1946

**Date of Death**  
August 3, 2026

**Memorial Service**  
11:00 A.M. Saturday, August 8, 2026  
**Church of the Nazarene**  
Ellendale, North Dakota

**Officiating:** Pastor Justin Brotzel  
**Pianist:** Tonya Zinter  
**Special Music:** Gary Deering  
“The River”

**Congregational Singing**  
“In the Garden”  
“Amazing Grace”  
“On Eagles Wings”

**Urn Bearers**  
*All of Tom's Grandchildren*  
Will Thomas Maier      Howard Thomas Sumption  
Drew David Maier      Frederick Warren Sumption  
Laura Margaret Sumption      Brody Russell Senff  
Milo Warren Sumption      Elle Louise Senff

**Private Burial**  
Ellendale City Cemetery  
Ellendale, North Dakota

**Arrangements by**  
Hoven Funeral Chapel  
Ellendale, North Dakota

*A fellowship meal will follow  
the service at the family farm.*