

IN LOVING  
*Memory*

**Jim Prather**

*Born to Orpha & Edward H. Prather*

November 16, 1960  
Williston, North Dakota

*Returned to His Heavenly Father*

July 9, 2023  
Tioga, North Dakota

***Funeral Service***

Friday, July 14, 2023, 11:00 AM  
Zion Free Lutheran Church  
Tioga, North Dakota

***Officiating***

Pastor Chris Kumpula

***Music & Musicians***

"How Great Thou Art" ~ Kellie Prather  
"You Raise Me Up" ~ Alex Anderson  
"Amazing Grace" ~ Pastor Chris Kumpula,  
Tom and Shirley Qualley, Brenda Kutter

***Pallbearers***

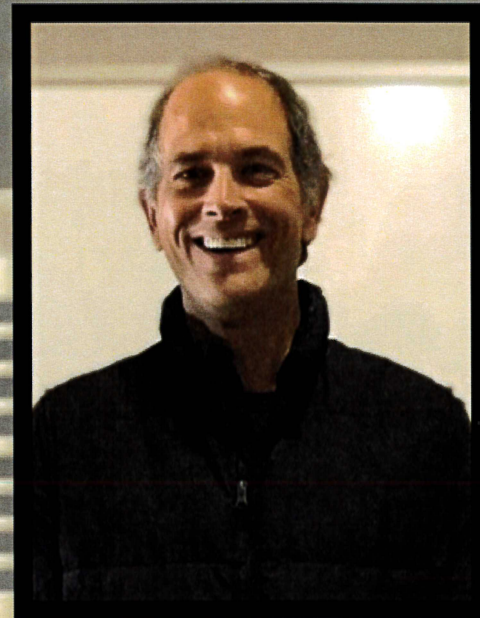
American Legion Post #139

***Final Resting Place***

United Cemetery  
Tioga, North Dakota

***Arrangements By***

Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home  
Tioga, North Dakota



*Celebrating*  
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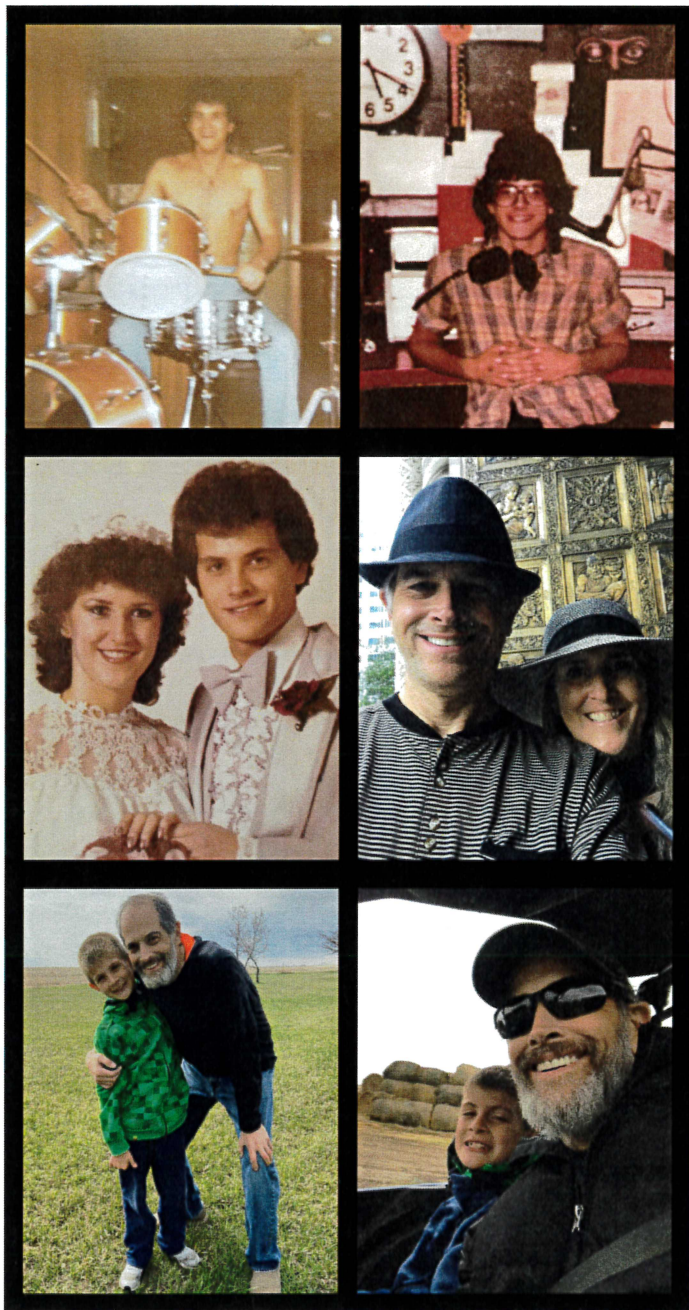
**James "Jim" Prather**

November 16, 1960 - July 9, 2023

"Peace I leave with you; my  
peace I give to you. Not as the  
world gives do I give to you.  
Let not your hearts be troubled,  
neither let them be afraid."

John 14:27





James "Jim" Prather, 62 of Tioga, ND passed away on Sunday, July 9, 2023 at his residence in Tioga, North Dakota.

Jim was born on November 16, 1960 in Williston, ND, to Edward H. and Orpha (Solwold) Prather and was the youngest of four children. He graduated from Tioga High School in 1979. His outstanding radio broadcasting career began at KTG0 in Tioga while he was still in high school in 1976. Then he worked across the country and across several genres under his alias Big Jim Davis, in classic rock, top 40, light rock, adult contemporary, country, satellite radio, and a radio shopping network, before going back to his original announcing roots at KTG0 in 2019. He coined his daily morning show at KTG0 "Talk of the Town," where he updated the audience with local events and happenings across the listening region.



Jim married Donna (Vetsch) Prather in 1981 in New Rockford, ND, and they raised four children together. Upon returning to Tioga, he was very active in the community by serving on various community boards. Jim had an upbeat nature and a gift of recognizing and identifying the positive aspects in people. He enjoyed conversations and playing games with family and friends, hanging out with his fur babies Husker and Lucky (who also joined him on air), and cozying up with them by the fire. He was a talented drummer and enjoyed having jam sessions with his friends. There is now one more great drummer in Heaven's Band!

He is survived by his wife, sister and brothers, his children, eight nieces and nephews, and four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, parents-in-law, and three beloved pets.

"I came back to Tioga to live; I didn't come back to die."

- I lived by being able to attend the first Patriots baseball game in the new Patriots field in Tioga and watching them have a couple of really good victories
- I lived when I got to enjoy eating apple crisp, drinking coffee, and watching television with a dear friend
- I lived when I got to go downtown Tioga and have coffee and talks with several dear friends
- I lived knowing that prayers continued to come in from everywhere
- I lived having my family near me
- I lived by sharing my friends and life in Tioga with Donna
- I lived having my boys Husker and Lucky a part of my life
- I lived when I got to enjoy a fire with my family and Grandson "Champ" Aiden
- I lived feeling well rested and at peace
- I lived knowing God is always there for me
- I lived by being a part of serving on Tioga community boards, including Tioga Walk board
- I lived by being able to see the positive and wonderful aspects in everyone
- I lived by being an honorary member of the American Legion Post 139 and receiving the Patriot Award
- I lived by knowing I had the best care provided by Dr. Bob and Mayo Clinic
- I lived knowing I had the support of the entire community and beyond
- *I lived because I am the wealthiest man in Tioga gained from the love of my family and friends!*

Written by Jim Prather, June 8, 2023