

The Dash Poem

I read of a man who stood to speak
At the funeral of a friend
He referred to the dates on the tombstone
From the beginning...to the end

He noted that first came the date of birth
And spoke the following date with tears,
But he said what mattered most of all
Was the dash between those years

For that dash represents all the time
That they spent alive on earth.
And now only those who loved them
Know what that little line is worth

For it matters not, how much we own,
The cars...the house...the cash.
What matters is how we live and love
And how we spend our dash.

So, think about this long and hard.
Are there things you'd like to change?
For you never know how much time is left
That can still be rearranged.

If we could just slow down enough
To consider what's true and real
And always try to understand
The way other people feel.

And be less quick to anger
And show appreciation more
And love the people in our lives
Like we've never loved before.

If we treat each other with respect
And more often wear a smile,
Remembering this special dash
Might only last a little while

So, when your eulogy is being read
With your life's actions to rehash...
Would you be proud of the things they say
About how you spent YOUR dash?

In Loving Memory Marlyn LeRoy Jorstad

Born to Maynard & Myrtle Jorstad

January 7, 1962 ~ Tioga, North Dakota

Called Home to His Heavenly Father

May 12, 2024 ~ Minot, North Dakota

Funeral Service

Tuesday, May 21, 2024 ~ 11:00 AM

First Lutheran Church
Tioga, North Dakota

Officiating

Pastor Mike Burns

Music

"Amazing Grace"

"Rock Of Ages"

"My Faith Looks Up To Thee"

Pallbearers

Steve Klevenberg

Marty Jorstad

Matthew Jorstad

Greg Soiseth

John Schmill

Bill Klimpel

Honorary Pallbearers

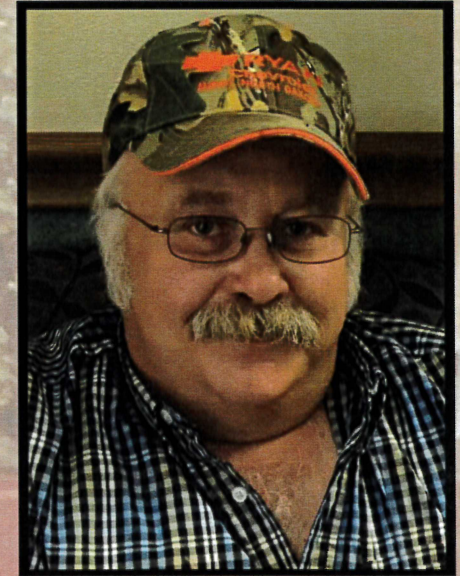
All of Marlyn's Loving Grandchildren

Final Resting Place

Zion Cemetery
Tioga, North Dakota

Arrangements By

Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home
Tioga, North Dakota



Celebrating
A LIFE

Marlyn Jorstad

January 7, 1962 - May 12, 2024

Strength
Hope
Love



Marlyn LeRoy Jorstad, 62, of Tioga, ND passed away peacefully on Sunday, May 12, 2024 at the Trinity Heath Hospital in Minot, ND.

Marlyn LeRoy Jorstad was born January 7th, 1962, to Maynard & Myrtle (Saby) Jorstad in Tioga, ND. Growing up he had many fond memories, watching the construction of White Earth Dam with his dad, his first motorcycle that his parents bought him as a kid, then his kids learning how to ride on the same bike as they were growing up.

He attended Tioga High School graduating with the class of 1980.

After graduation, he worked in Tioga, ND at the Auto Body Shop and various other jobs in the 80's. In the early 90's he obtained his CDL and started driving trucks in the oilfield, hauling crude and production water for many companies until his passing.

In 1980 he met Debbie Soiseth and they were married in 1981. They raised five children together. He loved History especially learning about wars and guns which he had a steel trap memory for and couldn't get enough of. Enjoying being outdoors whether it was hunting, fishing or golfing. He especially enjoyed shooting and reloading whether it was rifles, pistols or shotguns and he even took a try at archery. Always looking forward to the yearly family trip to Kool Deadwood Nites every August to look at classic cars and listen to live bands.

He was a loving husband, father and grandpa that will be greatly missed by all.

Marlyn is survived by his wife, Debbie Jorstad of Tioga, ND; sons, Justin Jorstad of Tioga, ND, Jeremy Jorstad of Tioga, ND, Jamie (Nicole) Jorstad of McGregor, ND, Jordan Jorstad of Tioga, ND; daughter, Jessica Jorstad of Tioga, ND; grandchildren, Michael, Nicholas and Rebecca-Ann Jorstad of Sidney, MT, Leni, Arlowe and Wylee Jorstad of McGregor, ND; sisters, Malonie (Bob Lucy) Jorstad of Tioga, ND, Malinda (Layne) Ferguson of Tioga, ND; brothers, Marty (Amalia) Jorstad of Tioga, ND, Mitchell Jorstad of Tioga, ND, Matthew (Jayme) Jorstad of Tioga, ND.

Marlyn was preceded in death by his parents, Maynard and Myrtle Jorstad; father-in-law, James Soiseth.

