



Donald Robert Ley

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Donald R. "Donnie" Ley, age 88, passed away peacefully on May 11, 2026, leaving behind a legacy of hard work, love, and devotion to family.

Donnie was born on June 1, 1937 in Wishek, ND, and dedicated his life to the people and passions he cherished most. He was a proud and hardworking businessman, spending over 70 years building and running his beloved tree business. His dedication, strong work ethic, and pride in his craft were evident to all who knew him.

Family was the heart of Donnie's life. He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Alvina, his brothers Jesse and Billy, his sister Priscilla, and his sons Ricky and Lenny. He is survived by his loving wife, Maryann Ley; his daughters, Denise, Cheryl, and Teresa; his sisters, Marion and Linda; as well as many nieces, nephews, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren, who brought him endless joy.

Donnie found happiness in the simple, meaningful moments of life. He loved going out to eat with Maryann, spending time outdoors, working in his yard,

and preparing his home as a welcoming place for family gatherings-especially when it came time to open the pool each year. He also enjoyed collecting rocks and soaking up the sun, always finding peace in the outdoors. Known for his sense of comfort, Donnie's favorite attire was mowing the lawn in his well-loved jean shorts.

He was known for always showing up-whether it was for school events, activities, or simply sharing a lunch with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. His presence was a constant source of love and support.

In his quieter moments, Donnie enjoyed watching his favorite television shows, including wrestling, boxing, the local news, football, and old cowboy shows. He also took pleasure in watching movies like Jurassic Park. These small routines were part of the life he built around family, comfort, and togetherness.

Donnie will be remembered for his unwavering dedication to his family, his lifelong commitment to his work, the kindness he showed to those around him and the lessons and skills he shared. He will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing and loving him.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 19. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Hillside Chapel
2610 19th Avenue N.E.
Minneapolis, MN 55418

Graveside Service

MAY 19. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Hillside Cemetery (Minneapolis)
2600 19th Ave NE
Minneapolis, MN 55418

Reception

MAY 19. 11:30 AM - 12:45 PM (CT)

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