

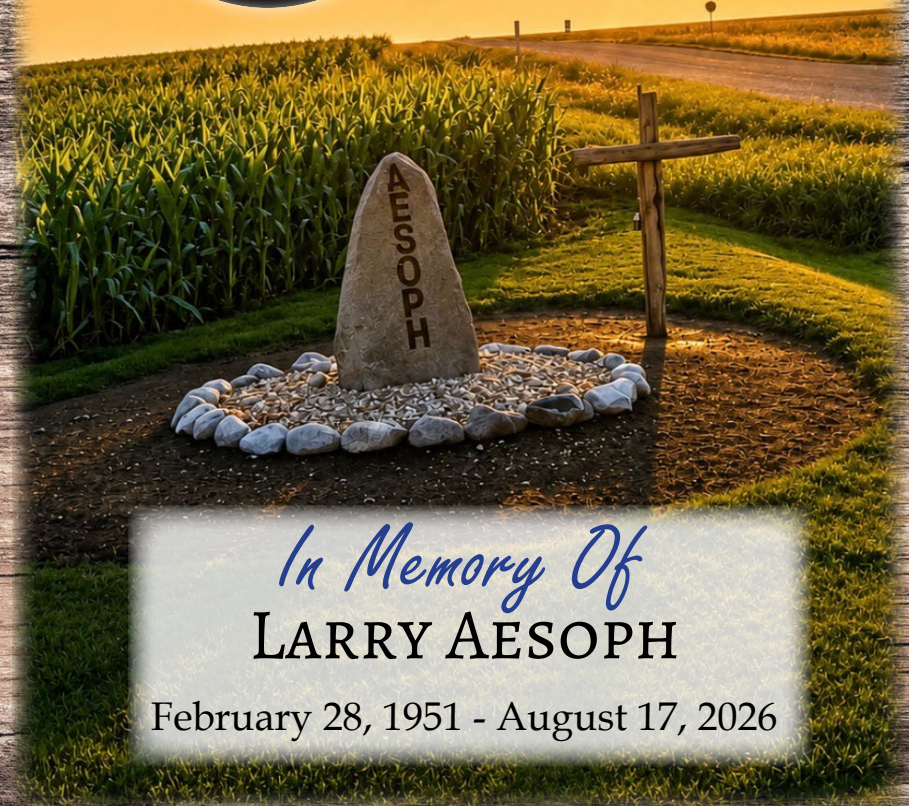
Lawrence Joseph Aesoph "Larry, LJ, Big Lar", 75, of Orient, passed away Monday, August 17, 2026, doing what he loved, being on his farm, leaving a legacy of affection, devotion, dedication, and hard work.

Larry was born to Moses and Ruby (Chambers) Aesoph on February 28, 1951, in Faulkton, SD. Larry attended school in Faulkton, SD. After graduation, he went to work on the four generation family farm. Larry took a fancy to Sandy Martinmaas. The two were united in marriage on September 22, 1973. Larry and Sandy were blessed with seven children. They raised them on the farm, teaching them life lessons, including the love of God, family unity, the love of country, and hard work. They have been blessed with eleven grandchildren. Larry loved all of his grandchildren, and his face lit up when they were around. He enjoyed the time he spent with them, whether he was giving buggy rides on the farm, checking cows or crops, or partaking in an event the grandkids participated in.

Larry and his family had challenges, but his faith never wavered, and he would always look to the Lord and say, "God will get us through." Larry was a faithful member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Orient, SD. His memory will remain in the hearts of his family, friends, and all those who were honored to know him. His legacy will live on for generations to come, inspiring those around him with his kindness, generosity, and unforgettable spirit. Larry's death is not the end, but rather the entrance into life that knows no end.

His survivors include: wife, Sandy; children: Jesse and Shelly (Aesoph) Oakley, Jon Aesoph, Jordan and Nicole (Bruemmer) Aesoph, and Kyle and Krissy (Aesoph) Oakley; grandchildren: Isaac, Elias, and Will Oakley, Lucas, Renna, Sadie, and Jhett Aesoph, Lannie, Rozzi, Harlee, and Chancey Oakley; siblings: Larry and Bev (Aesoph) Grau, Bill and Marilyn (Aesoph) Van Well, John and Gloria (Aesoph) Biegler, and Mark and Deb (Aesoph) Gonyo; and numerous brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law; nieces; and nephews.

Preceding Larry in death were his daughters, Kelly and Wanelda "Little Nel"; son, Jason; mother, Ruby; father, Moses; and his brother, Terry.



*In Memory Of*  
**LARRY AESOPH**

February 28, 1951 - August 17, 2026



Faulkton, South Dakota  
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### **VISITATION**

3:00 - 4:00 p.m., Sunday, August 23, 2026  
 St. Joseph's Catholic Church - Orient, South Dakota

### **PRAYER SERVICE WITH ROSARY**

4:00 p.m., Sunday, August 23, 2026  
 St. Joseph's Catholic Church - Orient, South Dakota

**ROSARY LEADERS:** Beverly Grau,  
 Marilyn VanWell, & Gloria Biegler

### **FUNERAL MASS:**

10:30 a.m., Monday, August 24, 2026  
 St. Joseph's Catholic Church - Orient, South Dakota

**OFFICIATING:** Father John Short

### **PALLBEARERS:**

Casey Remmers - Wesley Kalkman - Bill Martinmaas  
 Damion Martinmaas - Chad Appelhof - Jeff VanWell  
 Cody Martinmaas - Tim Grau

### **HONORARY PALLBEARERS:**

Larry's Brothers-In-Law & Nephews

**LECTORS:** Jill Christianson, Shannon Decker, & Dusty Spangler

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER:** Father Tom Clement

**ALTAR SERVERS:** Max & Anna Martinmaas

**USHERS:** John Kalkman, BJ Kalkman, & Scott Martinmaas

**VOCALIST:** Theresa Edgar

**PIANIST:** Carol Esser

### **MUSICAL SELECTIONS:**

"Servant Song"  
 "Gift of Finest Wheat"  
 "One Bread, One Body"  
 "Jesus, Remember Me"

### **BURIAL:**

St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery  
 Orient, South Dakota

*The family warmly invites you to join them  
 for continued fellowship and a lunch at the  
 Orient Community Hall following the burial.*