



Vernon Jelsma

July 24, 1940 - May 20, 2026

Vernon Roger Jelsma passed from this life on May 20, 2026 in Sioux Falls at the age of 85.

Please join Vern's family for a memorial visitation from 6:00-8:00 pm, Thursday, May 28, 2026 at Jarman Family Funeral Home in Lennox.

Vern was born July 24, 1940 in Lennox, South Dakota to parents George and Hilda (Schoffelman) Jelsma. He attended rural grade school in Wiggin and graduated from Canton High School. An electrician by trade, he worked for 42 years at John Morrell & Co, as well as continuing to farm throughout that time and after retirement.

On March 30, 1968 Vern was united in marriage to Sherry Brigger at West Prairie Lutheran Church outside of Lennox. They lived in the town of Worthing for a few years before settling on the family farm south of town.

Vern's life revolved around the farm. If all the chores were done and the farm was under control, he would hop on the side-by-side with his dog Ginger for a drive or take time to be with his family. In his younger years, he also enjoyed hunting and going to the sprint car/motorcross races.

Vern is survived by his son, Steven (Willow) Jelsma of Worthing;

grandchildren, Myah Jelsma also of Worthing and Connor Jelsma of Sioux Falls; siblings, Virgil (Barb) Jelsma of Minneapolis, MN, Arthur (Marsha) Jelsma of Tea, Dorothy Kiepke of Sioux Falls, and Betty (Bruce) Pease. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Sherry Brigger Jelsma, son Steven Wayne Jelsma, siblings Lawrence, Eldon, and Verlys Jelsma, and brother-in-law Kent Kiepke.

Upcoming Events

Memorial Visitation

MAY **28**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Jarman Family Funeral Home
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