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Larry Clemens 

Sept. 11, 1941-April 22, 2007

Larry Arthur Clemens, age 65, of Noonan, North Dakota, passed away on Sunday, April 22, 2007 at Mouse River Park, rural Tolley, North Dakota.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 A.M. Friday, April 27, 2007 at St. Luke's Catholic Church in Noonan, ND. Burial with Military Honors will follow at St. Luke's Catholic Cemetery in Noonan. Visitation will be from 3:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, April 26, 2007 at Stakston-Martin Funeral Home in Crosby and 6:00 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. at St. Luke's Catholic Church in Noonan with a Rosary/Vigil Service at 7:30 P.M. and also one hour before the service at the church.



Larry was born on September 11, 1941, the son of Art and Kate (Stone) Clemens in Noonan. Larry was a lifelong resident of Noonan. He was baptized and confirmed at Noonan Methodist Church. He graduated from Noonan High School in 1959 and attended Minot State College.

Larry joined the North Dakota National Guard in 1961 as a member of Company B 164th Engineer Combat Battalion and retired as First Sergeant in 1988. As a member of the guard, he shot competitively with the guard team at state and national matches.

As a child, Larry learned the business of managing Noonan Farmers Telephone Company by his father's side. He continued to work for the company and became manager upon his father's death in 1971. At the time of his death, Larry was overseeing the final phases of the sale of Noonan Farmers Telephone.

Larry was united in marriage to Marietta Holbach on December 27, 1973 at Our Lady of Grace Church in Minot, ND.

Larry was a member of the Divide County School Board. He was currently serving as Divide County Emergency Manager, a position he held since the late 1980s. Larry was elected to the Noonan City Commission in 1990 and served consecutive terms until his death. He was an active member of the Noonan Lions. He was instrumental in forming the Mouse River Park Association and served as its first president.

He was a member of the John Lumsden American Legion Post #243 for 36 years. He was post adjutant for over 25 years and served as District #9 commander and vice-commander. Larry was a supporter of scouting and served as Cub master for Pack #338 and Scoutmaster for Troop #338. As an adult scout leader, Larry earned his Wood Badge. He was a longtime member of the Noonan Fire Department and served as chief for many years.

Larry was a man of faith who loved his family, his community and his country. His quiet strength was felt by those who knew him. His family and friends enjoyed his subtle and unique sense of humor. Larry was a strong supporter of sportsmen's rights. He enjoyed being outside and looked forward to each fall's hunting season. He shared his passion for the outdoors with his children and sometimes his wife.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents, Art and Kate Clemens; and brother, Dale B. Clemens.

He is survived by his wife, Marietta, of Noonan; sons, Doug Clemens and wife, Deb, and Dale H. Clemens, all of Noonan; daughter, Maggie Townsend and husband, Ryan, of Minto, ND; two granddaughters, Katie Jo Townsend and Emma Clemens; stepgrandson, Dylan Fai; brother, Boyd Clemens and wife, Barb, of Apache Junction, AZ; sister, Neola Cross and husband, Lawrence, of Milnor, ND; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Stakston-Martin Funeral Home of Crosby is in charge of the arrangements.

