



# Henrik Voldal

May 14, 1935 - March 1, 2022

Henrik Voldal died March 1, 2022 at his farm home near Valley City, North Dakota. He was born May 14, 1935 in Valley City to Nels and Ruth (Erickson) Voldal. Henrik married Norma Bach in 1958, and the couple had two sons, Erik and Steve.

Henrik was a lifelong farmer. He farmed with his father south of Sanborn, and he farmed with his wife and sons west of Valley City.

Henrik was educated in Barnes County rural schools. He went on to earn a B.A. degree at Jamestown College in 1959; and an M.A. and Doctorate in Education at the University of North Dakota. He taught in public schools for several years and finally taught at Valley City State University, where he also served for a time as Chairman of the Division of Education and Psychology.

Henrik's political roots trace back to his early life when time around the family supper table regularly included discussions about good government, social ethics and the responsibilities of citizenship. His belief in the constructive power of honest discussion led him to public service as an adult. He served as North Dakota's Deputy Commissioner of Agriculture, and as a Barnes County Commissioner. He was active in the Democratic-NPL Party, which he served as precinct committeeman and district chairman.

Henrik was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army in 1956.

Henrik is survived by his wife, Norma; his sons, Erik (Dee), Rochester, MN and Steve (Laura), Pinetop, AZ; grandchildren Emily Voldal and Thomas Voldal; brothers Roger (Carla), Huron, SD, and David (Joyce), Ocala, FL; sister Vicki (Rodney) Rosenau, Valley City; and five nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Norman, and his sister Helen.

Henrik requested that his remains be cremated, with no funeral services.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel, Valley City. An online guestbook is available at [olivernathanchapel.com](http://olivernathanchapel.com)

# Tribute Wall

KL

“ Norma and family, we are so sorry for your loss.....also our loss of a friend that will be greatly missed.  
Henrik helped me haul hay off the interstate during the '07-'08 recession. It was fun to ride in the pick-up with Henrik and discuss the current state of affairs. I'm sure he is having an interesting discussion with the Big Guy upstairs.  
Look forward to seeing you again.....but hopefully not too soon.  
Our thoughts are with you all  
Kent and Connie Lettenmaier  
Sanborn, ND

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**Kent Lettenmaier** - March 11, 2022 at 01:45 PM

CD

“ We fondly remember our numerous conversations with Henrik. We learned a great deal from his astute observations and always inquiring mind. He was a great friend and mentor to us as we spent our time at Valley City State University. He, Norma, and their children were wonderful neighbors. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Norma, Steve, and Eric. Much love, Clay and Marie Dunlap

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**Clay and Marie Dunlap** - March 06, 2022 at 01:15 PM

JL

“ I met Henrik through an interest in the Sheyenne River and how important we be concerned about the river and our water resources. Henrik was tireless in his attention to improving and sustaining good natural resources. He spoke of his concerns, wrote letters, attended meetings and travels to support what he thought was important.  
Well done, Henrik.

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**Jean Legge** - March 05, 2022 at 02:52 PM

LC

“ We shared many great conversations with Henrik, usually focused on the importance of family farm agriculture, education, and conservation of natural resources. He loved North Dakota and used his keen intellect to make it a better place.  
With love and respect,  
Lynn and Janice Clancy



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**Lynn and Janice Clancy** - March 05, 2022 at 12:22 PM



“ Sorry about Henrik passing . He will be missed

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**Arlene Nelson** - March 03, 2022 at 08:42 PM

LH

“ Ahhh Henrik. Since we moved from VC in 1991, we have not seen ye but a few times, but always think of you and Norma as we travelled home to VC and passed your farm off I-94. We both think of Henrik fondly, and ALWAYS enjoyed the conversation. Love and hugs to you, Norma, and all of Henrik's family. Rest in Peace dear friend, well earned!

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**Lynn Hill** - March 03, 2022 at 10:16 AM

MH

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**Msrk Hanson** - March 02, 2022 at 01:28 PM

MH

“ *My distant cousin Henrik was one of a kind. His legacy for me lies in his ability to have deeply held beliefs, express them frequently and with great enthusiasm, yet without rancor toward those who might disagree. These days, but probably every day, this is a lesson worth learning. I was able to spend time with Henrik fairly recently and found him engaged and engaging, maybe a tad irascible, but jolly good company, always. I am grateful for his life. He has earned his rest. --Mark Hanson, Fort Collins, CO.*

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**Mark Hanson** - March 02, 2022 at 01:27 PM