

Rosary

6:30 p.m. Friday, February 13, 2026

Prayer Service

7:00 p.m. Friday, February 13, 2026

Holy Cross Catholic Church

West Fargo, North Dakota

Father Andrew Jasinski, **Presiding**

Rachel Schaefer, **Cantor**

Bianca McCullum, **Accompanist**

Funeral Mass

1:00 p.m. Saturday, February 14, 2026

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Rachel Schaefer, **Cantor**

Breanna Breidenbach, **Accompanist**

Katie Shaw, **Bagpipes**

Hymns

Processional Song: "Here I am, Lord"

Responsorial Psalm: "The Lord is Kind and Merciful"

Preparation of Gifts: "Gather Your People"

Communion: "One Bread, One Body"

Pallbearers

Honor Guard

Honorary Pallbearers

Daren Bachman | Scott Peterson

Shawn Nowatzki | Elisabeth Shea

Cody Sivertson | Justin Overby | JT Shea

Dr. Rory Ratzlaff

Reception

Please join Bob's family for fellowship and refreshments following each service.

EMS Prayer

As I perform my duty
Whatever be the call
Help to guide and keep me safe
From dangers big and small
I want to serve and do my best
No matter what the scene
I pledge to keep my skills refined
My judgement quick and keen
This calling to give of myself
Most do not understand
But I stand ready all the time
To help my fellow man
To have the chance to help a child
Restore their laugh with glee
A word of thanks I might not hear
But knowing is enough for me
The praise of men is fine for some
But I feel truly blessed that you,
Oh Lord, have chosen me
to serve in EMS

In Loving Memory of



Robert Lynn KLEIN

November 7, 1962 - February 9, 2026

Remembering the Life of Bob

It is with deep sadness and heavy hearts that we share the passing of our colleague and friend, Paramedic Bob Klein, who passed away Monday, February 9, 2026. He was surrounded by his loving family and friends at Sanford Medical Center in Fargo, ND.

Robert (Bob or Farmer) Klein was born on November 7, 1962, in Langdon, North Dakota, and grew up on his family's farm in northeastern North Dakota. He attended school in Langdon and, after graduating from high school, remained on the farm to help with the family farming operation.

Bob's desire to help others began at a young age. Inspired by the television show 'Emergency!' and its characters, Paramedics Johnny and Roy, he knew he wanted to be the person who responded in moments of crisis. In 1987, he began pursuing that calling. Bob completed his Emergency Medical Technician course at the hospital in Langdon and started volunteering with the Langdon Ambulance Service, marking the beginning of a nearly four-decade career in EMS.

In 1994, Bob took the next step in his professional journey by enrolling in the Paramedic Program at F M Ambulance in Fargo. After completing the program in 1995, he began working part time as a street medic for F M Ambulance while continuing both his work on the family farm and his service with the Langdon Ambulance Service as a Paramedic.

Bob's leadership and dedication continued to grow. In 2004, he became the Director of Langdon Ambulance, all while still working

part-time for F M Ambulance and running the family farm. Two years later, in 2006, he made the difficult decision to leave the farm and his longtime role with Langdon Ambulance to accept a full-time position with F M Ambulance in Fargo as the Liaison Coordinator. In this position, Bob spent eight years providing education and training to ambulance services, quick response units, fire departments, and law enforcement agencies across Cass and Clay Counties.

In 2012, Bob shifted his focus fully to EMS education, becoming a Lead Educator for F M Ambulance. He played an essential role in training students enrolled in the North Dakota State College of Science Paramedic Program, affiliated with F M Ambulance. Bob also instructed a wide range of emergency medicine courses, including BLS, ACLS, PALS, and PHTLS.

Bob's excellence and impact on the EMS community were widely recognized. In 2008, he received the F M Ambulance Achievement in Excellence Award for his service and dedication to EMTs and first responders throughout the region. That same year, he was honored as the North Dakota EMS Instructor of the Year. In 2014 Bob was awarded the American



Ambulance Association Star of Life award in Washington, D.C. for his lifetime achievements in EMS.

In addition to his formal duties, Bob was a committed member of the F M Ambulance Service Disaster Services Committee. His contributions helped strengthen emergency preparedness across the region.

Outside of work, Bob's passion for mechanics and restoration was well known. When not teaching, he could often be found in his garage working on motorcycles, vintage snowmobiles, and classic cars—hobbies that brought him great joy.

Bob is survived by his wife, Margaret Nowatzki Klein. He is also survived by his brothers, Charlie, Dale, and James Klein; brothers-in-law, Ted (Kathy) Nowatzki and Mike (Donna) Nowatzki; and sisters-in-law, Judie (Bob) Beadle, Kathy (Warren) Swenson, Becky (Mark) Ratzlaff, and Mary (John) Shea.

He is further survived by his nieces and nephews, Sharon (John) Martin, Shelly (Todd) Preszler, Joe (J.J.) Beadle, Jerry (Carrie) Beadle, Shawn Nowatzki, Sheila (Michael) Cox, Maria Eisenzimmer, Jeff (Kim) Ratzlaff, Rory (Denise) Ratzlaff, Megan (Justin) Overby, McKinzie (Cody) Sivertson, and John T. and Elisabeth Shea; as well as many great- and great-great-nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Arthur and Maxine (Domres) Klein; father and mother-in-law, Ted and Betty (Lothspeich) Nowatzki; and one infant sister-in-law, Sharon Nowatzki.