



## Wayne Leroy Tennant

August 7, 1944 - March 2, 2025

Wayne Leroy Tennant, 80, of Grand Island died on Sunday, March 2, 2025.

Memorial service a celebration of Wayne's life will be held at 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday at All Faiths Funeral Home. There is a gathering of family and friends from 1:00 until the time of the service.

Wayne was born August 7, 1944, in Gregory, South Dakota. He was the son of Cyrus and Buzzetta (Sangster) Bartels. He was raised by his great-grandmother, Ida Leetch, who poured unconditional love into his life.

On March 20, 1968, Wayne married Doreen Gish, the love of his life.

Together, they had four children. The family moved around several places in NE, MT and WY before finally settling in the Grand Island area in 1986.

Wayne worked different jobs but had to retire early due to an injury. This gave him more time to enjoy music and be with his family, with whom he raised goats and chickens. Wayne's family meant everything to him, and he loved to sing to Doreen and his loved ones.

One of the highlights of his life was his audition with the Legends TV Theatre at 'The Ole Opry' in Nashville. He also loved singing with the group "Sons of Light" which was affiliated with his church.

Those who cherish Wayne's memory include his four children, Bethany Tennant-VanWinkle, Sean Tennant, Brett Tennant and Shanna (Michael) Binderup.

He is also survived by nine grandchildren, Edward VanWinkle, Sahara Tennant, NaTawnee Tennant, Kiera Tennant, Emma Tennant, Elijah Tennant,

Christian Tennant, Gracyn Tennant and Harper Tennant; and nine great-grandchildren, Ethan VanWinkle, Kiowa Wiebe, Zah'Keira Tennant, Denzel Tennant, Lilith VanWinkle, Onnyx Tennant, Layla Tennant, Lileahna Smiley and Kehlani Staples.

Online condolences may be left at [www.giallfaiths.com](http://www.giallfaiths.com)

# Previous Events

## Gathering of friends and family

MAR 11. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

All Faiths Funeral Home  
2929 S Locust St  
Grand Island, NE 68801  
(308) 398-2929  
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<https://www.giallfaiths.com/>

## Celebration of Life Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *All Faiths Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Wayne Leroy Tennant*



All Faiths Funeral Home - March 11, 2025 at 11:34 AM

BP

“ *So sorry for your loss of a wonderful person. Wayne went to School in Montana with my mom and dad. Prayers are with you all Beverly Perot ( my mom was Neva Eastman and dad was Butch )*

Beverly Perot - April 11, 2025 at 08:16 PM

RG

“ *Robin G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wayne Leroy Tennant.*

Robin G. - March 08, 2025 at 01:47 PM

CO

“ *When Wayne would come in where I work it was a pleasure to talk to him. He was such a sweet little man. One time when he stopped in he said "if you see me at Walmart come up and say, Hey Wayne how you doing" as you know know his voice was one of kind. I will always remember him for his conversations. God Bless!!*

Connie - March 06, 2025 at 09:34 AM