

Andy Horner

Memorial Endowment

Andy was one of ten children born to Merle and Cora Horner. His siblings included Carolyn, Ida Mae, Myrna, Perry, John, Harriet, Dwight, Vicki, and Dori.

Andy's father, Merle, moved to Devils Lake in 1929 during the depression when good employment was hard to find. He began working for Fairmont Creamery and stayed there for fourteen years. During that time, in 1940, he married Cora Kjelden. When Fairmont Foods closed their manufacturing operations in 1954, Merle found another position with the Lake Region District Health Unit as a Sanitarian. He was advanced to Executive Director of the Health Unit in 1955, a position he held until his retirement in July of 1971.

Andy was the eighth child, born April 12, 1954. He attended Devils Lake schools and graduated with the class of 1972. He also attended Lake Region State College along with his sister and brother, Harriet and Perry. His other strong tie to LRSC includes his sister, Myrna, who is an alumna and past director of LRSC Food Services, a position she held for many years until she retired in 2013.

Andy was always a big part of the Devils Lake community through his personal and professional life. He was director of the Devils Lake Community Service program, a job he thoroughly enjoyed and to which he truly gave one hundred percent. Prior to this he worked at Ultimate Audio and Dakota Prairie

Community Action Agency. Andy was a sports enthusiast. He especially enjoyed hockey and the UND Fighting Sioux hockey team. Football and NASCAR events were next in line.

Although Andy was one of ten children,



he stood out as an individual with his jovial personality and passion for music! If he was not singing, Andy was simply enjoying friends with that big 'rosy cheeked smile' of his. People were drawn to him with his charisma, easy-going nature, and large dose of rationale.

People knew him as a walking, talking "encyclopedia of rock and roll" who could sing anything. Whenever Andy stepped on stage at the R Place to spontaneously kick out a song with the band,

the room was instantly electrified. He could take the lead with his "flagship" song *Lucille* and many others, or in his normal unselfish manner, he would stand back and polish up somebody else's lead vocal with his amazing talent of harmonizing.

Andy brought his family and friends so much joy with his love of music and his beautiful voice. Andy will always be remembered for his contagious smile, his warm hugs, his gentle soul, and kind heart.

The Andy Horner Memorial Endowment was made possible by Andy, and each year this endowment will provide a scholarship for a student enrolled at Lake Region State College. ●