

Perry Horner Memorial

Peace Officer Training Scholarship Endowment



Perry Robert Horner was born in Devils Lake to Merle and Cora Horner on March 23, 1945. He was the fourth of ten children.

After graduating from Devils Lake High School in 1964, Perry earned a diesel mechanics degree from North Dakota State College of Science. He was drafted into the Army in 1966 and proudly served as a military policeman in Vietnam from 1967 to 1968.

Upon his return to Devils Lake, Perry enrolled at LRSC where he discovered a passion for acting. He earned an associate in arts degree in May 1971. During his time at LRSC, he met his soon-to-be wife, Patricia. Perry and Pat would raise two children, Chad and Travis.

After graduating from LRSC, Perry enjoyed the next several years of employment as a UPS driver and owner of the Mayer Properties (hotel/bar/restaurant). When a fire destroyed the Mayer, fate led Perry to his true calling—service to the community he loved.

Perry spent three years with the

Devils Lake Police Department before running for Ramsey County Sheriff in 1982, a position he would hold for the next eighteen years. During his time as sheriff, Perry was president of the North Dakota Sheriffs Association for three terms, a Search and Rescue diver and instructor, a volunteer firefighter, an EMT instructor, and a Boy Scout leader. He was a member of the VFW, the Lake Region Peace Officers Association, the Devils Lake Elks Lodge, the Devils Lake Area Chamber of Commerce, and the American

the community led him to spend the next ten years as a high school security guard. Every summer, however, he traveled back to Devils Lake to work on his brother-in-law's farm and enjoy his family and friends.

Perry's lifetime of community involvement was a natural fit for his kind, gentle spirit, magnetic personality, and strong work ethic. No job was ever too big or too small. Family, friends, and strangers alike were drawn to him. He embodied the Golden Rule.



Legion. He also played a key role on the team that developed alternative parties for Devils Lake High School students in the early nineties.

When Perry retired from the Sheriff's Department, he and his wife moved to Mesa, Arizona. His retirement would be short-lived. Perry's people skills and desire to be a part of

After he lost his battle with leukemia/lymphoma on July 24, 2016, Perry's family and friends established a scholarship endowment in his name. It is their hope that its recipients will become devoted and honorable law enforcement professionals, preserving Perry's legacy of dedicated service to community and country. ♥