

Steven Webster

Memorial Scholarship Endowment



Steven Webster was born into a farm family in Devils Lake, ND, the third of four children to Earl and Blanche (Hagen) Webster. He attended elementary school in Devils Lake and graduated from Devils Lake High School in 1969. His education continued at LRSC and later NDSU, attaining a BS degree in Entomology and a MS in Agricultural Economics. Following college, he worked for Federal Land Bank and Farm Credit Services in the Detroit Lakes and Crookston, MN and Devils Lake, ND offices. This last move provided the opportunity to be back near family and continue operating the family farm with his two brothers. In 1989, Steve opened his own full-time business working as a certified land appraiser in both ND and MN. Through much hard work and dedication to his craft, he built a well-earned and highly regarded reputation. He enjoyed his work immensely and self-employment fit well with his part-time farming.

From an early age, it was apparent Steve had a deep-seated love of the land and nature. As a boy, he spent as much time as he could outdoors, a trait that

did not change with maturity. Although he devoted much time to his career and farming, he also found time to enjoy many hobbies including hunting, fishing, trapping, making birdhouses, feeding birds, gardening and traveling. Most memorable for him was hunting at the farm with his sons, grandsons, family and friends, his numerous trips to Alaska for salmon and halibut fishing, and the many trips to multiple states hunting deer and elk with his sons.

Steve married his high school sweetheart, Lynne Hinschberger, and together they raised three sons: Ben, Matt and Adam. They enjoyed camping with their young family and following their activities as the kids grew up, eventually taking in the grandchildren's activities. Steve and Lynne celebrated forty-six years of marriage before Steve died due to injuries he sustained in a semi/tractor accident in 2020.

A faith-filled man of high integrity and conviction, Steve cherished his family and friends. He was the one always there to help out whenever and wherever needed. His inquisitive nature and thirst for knowledge led him to be an avid reader, continually educating himself. When faced with life's challenges, he tackled them head on. His sense of humor, laughter, and mischievous personality was also a big part of who he was.

By example, he instilled in his sons and grandchildren a love for family, land and nature, a hard work ethic, a genuine respect for others and the importance of education. Through them his legacy will live on. Steve had always been appreciative of the educational opportunities he was provided. To honor his legacy, Lynne and their sons established this memorial endowment "To pay it forward to help students at LRSC". It will support scholarships for students enrolled in the Precision Agriculture program.



*A life well lived is a precious gift
Of hope and strength and grace
From someone who has made our world
A brighter, better place.
It's filled with moments, sweet and sad
With smiles and sometimes tears,
With friendships formed and good times shared
And laughter through the years.
A life well lived is a legacy
Of joy and pride and pleasure,
A loving, lasting memory
Our grateful hearts will treasure.*