



## Perry "Bear" Golden North Jr.

July 24, 1955 - February 8, 2026

Perry "Bear" Golden North Jr., 70 passed away at Diversicare of Chanute on Sunday, February 8, 2026.

Bear was welcomed into this world to Perry and Cecil (Brown) North on July 24, 1955 in Fredonia, Kansas. Bear graduated from Madison High School in 1973. In 2004 he married Vicky Dempsey in Chanute. The two were married 21 years before her passing on December 27, 2021. Bear was a master electrician his entire life working at numerous companies. During his free time, Bear loved to sit down and relax and watch an old western movie or to root on his favorite NASCAR driver, Dale Earnhart Sr., he never missed a race. He also loved to spend time outside, hunting and fishing. Bear loved the time he got to spend on his Harley Davidson motorcycle, touring all over admiring the splendid beauty that mother nature had to offer.

He is preceded in death by his dear wife Vicky, his parents, Perry North Sr, and Cecil North, and siblings, John Stowell, Nellie Hamilton, Ann Berkefeldt, Betty Wood, Nancy Benard, and Patricia Vance, and former partner, Colleen Mackey.

His memory will live on with his brother, Jim Stowell and wife, Jeannine of Pittsburg, Kansas, and numerous nieces and nephews. Visitation will be held at Countryside Funeral Home in Chanute, Kansas on Friday, February 13, 2026, with the family greeting friends from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Memorial contributions can be made in Bear's name to St. Jude, and can be left with the funeral home.



# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **13**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Countryside Funeral Home - Johnson Chapel  
101 N. Highland  
Chanute, KS 66720  
(620) 431-1220

# Tribute Wall

VS

“ *Victoria Stout lit a candle in memory of Perry "Bear" North*



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**Victoria Stout** - April 19 at 01:24 PM

VS

“ *I met Bear for the first time when I took my late sister-in-law out to the Rendezvous. My brother was being an à\*\* and she needed a break. Bear was working the bar that night. We got our drinks and went to the back to shoot some pool. Shortly after that we left, a creep wouldn't take a hint! The next night I went back to the Rendezvous by myself. Bear was working the bar again. As soon as he saw me he immediately started apologizing for the drinks the night before, and offered to make my next drink anyway I wanted it! I explained to him that the drinks the night before we're fine; and explained to him about the creep that wouldn't go away. He told me to just let him know if someone was bothering me just let him know and he'd take care of it. I never had another problem. □ I'll miss you big guy.*

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**Victoria Stout** - April 19 at 01:19 PM

HV

“ I remember it was Thanksgiving at my mom's (Pattys) maybe 1996, I thought I was gonna try to keep up with Uncle Bear (and Uncle John) drinking shots of canadian mist and well that did not turn out too good for me! So many memories. ..Madison Days, Thanksgiving at my moms, Memorial Day weekend BBQ at Uncle Johns , many Harley rides, you and aunt Vicki's wedding, parties at your house, lectures i needed, he always had a shoulder to cry on , advice to give and when he didnt think was was listening -he sometimes would just shake his head! He had a heart of gold and anyone who knew him , loved him! And he always gave the best Bear Hugs! I Love you Uncle Bear! ....and once again ..forever with your Mama Bear!



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**Heather Vance** - February 12 at 03:07 AM

HV

“ Heather Vance lit a candle in memory of Perry" Bear" North



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**Heather Vance** - February 12 at 12:54 AM

SE

“ Shawnda Edwards lit a candle in memory of Perry" Bear" North



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**Shawnda Edwards** - February 11 at 12:11 PM



“ Ed and Diana Meister planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Perry" Bear" Golden North Jr..

Ed and Diana Meister - February 10 at 09:56 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Perry" Bear" Golden North Jr..



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