

William "Bill" Bauer, age 87, of Carrington, ND, passed away peacefully on Thursday, July 4, 2024, at CHI St. Alexius Health Center, Carrington, surrounded by his loving family.

William Alvin Bauer was born on a farm near Bordulac, ND, to Ferdinand and Rachel (Partlow) Bauer on January 1, 1937. He attended grade school at Bucephlia #2 near Bordulac and Johnson #2 south of Sykeston. After his family moved back to the Bordulac area, he attended High School at Bordulac and graduated in 1954. He then worked for Art Buedoin and Oscar Dell in a service station.

In 1958, he was united in marriage to Marlys Jane Hewitt, they enjoyed 52 years of marriage before her death. Together they were blessed with four boys: Jay, Craig, Lynn, and Marty. Eight grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren were forthcoming from this marriage.

In 1958, he started working as an Apprentice Lineman for Tri-County Electric in Carrington, ND, and over the 40 years with Tri-County Electric, he was promoted to Hot-line Foreman and transferred to Jamestown, ND, for three years as Assistant-Line Superintendent. Bill and his family then moved back to Carrington, and he was promoted to Manager of Operations and held that position for twenty-eight years.

Bill served for several years on the Carrington City Council, was a member of the Sacred Heart Parish, served as Trusty for six years, was a member of the Knights of Columbus, served as a Grand Knight for two years, and was a past member of the Eagles and Elks Club.

Bill served in the National Guard from 1958 to 1964 and was discharged as a Sgt First Class. He also was a member of the American Legion.

Bill enjoyed fishing, hunting, golfing in earlier years, horseback riding, and spending time with his family. Over the years, he received many awards, two life-saving awards and the Honorary C Club Awards, which were the most valued by him.

After his retirement from Northern Plains Electric, he drove school bus for the Carrington School District for 11 years.

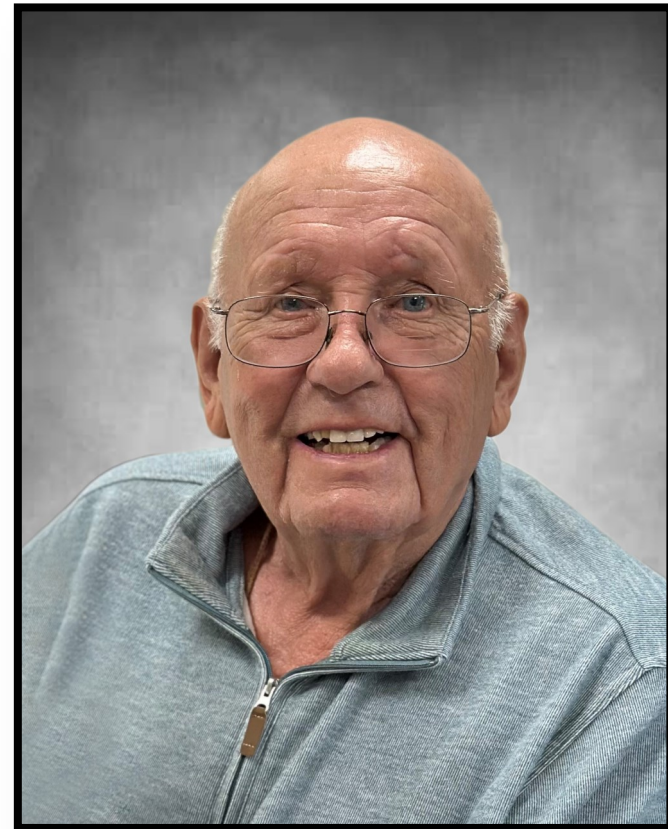
Bill and Marlys Dunn were united in marriage in 2011, from this marriage Bill gained three more children: Trevor Dunn, David (Bridgette) Dunn, and Shaunette (Mike) Koenig; and four grandchildren. Bill and Marlys enjoyed time on the lake, traveling, and spending time with their families.

Bill will be greatly missed by his wife, Marlys Ann; one son, Jay (Cindy); daughter-in-law, Sandy, eight grandchildren, and fourteen great-grandchildren; children, Trevor Dunn, David (Bridgette) Dunn, and Shaunette (Mike) Koenig; four grandchildren; a brother, Paul (Cheryl) Bauer, and many nieces and nephews.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Marlys Jane; three sons, Craig William, Lynn Edward, and Marty Rae; a brother, Gary; and three sisters, Phyllis, Deloris, and Marlene.

Celebrating

THE LIFE OF



William "Bill" Bauer

JANUARY 1, 1937 - JULY 4, 2024

I Know You'll Miss This Man

The Lord spoke to the heavy hearts that stood with hats in hand
“Your sadness pains me deeply and I know you’ll miss this man.
But, it’s true what you’ve been hearing, Heaven is a real place.
That’s no small consolation, You should use that fact to face.

The emptiness his parting left that seeps into your bones
And draw on it to ease your pain, For he is not alone.
You see, all his friends are up here and all his loved ones, too,
‘Cause it wouldn’t be a heaven without each one of you.

And heaven for a cowboy is just what you might expect,
It’s horses that need tunin’ up and heifers that need checked.
It’s long rides with a purpose and a code that lights the way
And a satisfying reason to get up every day.

It’s the ranch he’s always dreamed of and never knew he’d find.
And if you think about it, you can see it in your mind.
Him, leanin’ in the saddle with his ol’ hat on his head,
Contentment set upon his face like blankets on a bed.

The leather creaks a little as he shifts there in the seat.
The bit chains give a jingle when his pony switches feet.
And you somehow get the feelin’ that he’s sittin’ on a throne
A’gazin’ out on paradise just like it was his own.

I can promise you he’s happy, though I know you can’t pretend
You’re glad he made the journey, It’s too hard to comprehend.
The earthly way you look at things can never satisfy
Your lack of understanding for the answer to the ‘Why?’

So, I offer this small comfort to put your grief to rest,
I only take the top hands ‘cause my crew’s the very best.
And I know it might seem selfish to friends and next of kin
But I needed one more cowboy and Sammy fit right in.”

~ *Baxter Black*

Celebrating A Life Well Lived

William Alvin Bauer

January 1, 1937 – rural Bordulac, ND

July 4, 2024 – Carrington, ND

VISITATION

Tuesday, July 9, 2024

1:00PM - 4:30PM

Evans Funeral Home, Carrington, ND

6:00PM - 6:45PM

Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Carrington, ND

ROSARY | VIGIL SERVICE

Tuesday, July 9, 2024

Rosary ~ 6:45PM | Vigil Service ~ 7:00PM

Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Carrington, ND

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Wednesday, July 10, 2024 ~ 10:30AM

Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Carrington, ND

OFFICIATING

Father Darrick Leier

Deacon Bob Sondag

SPECIAL MUSIC

Vigil Service

Sacred Heart Choir
Garrett Boyer ~ Organist

Mass of Christian Burial

Doctor Jay Bauer ~ Soloist
Heather Klocke ~ Pianist

PALLBEARERS

Mike Sabinash ~ Ron Theis ~ Jim Cummings

Gary Sucket ~ Ole Nowatzki ~ Red Skytland

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Henry Simons ~ Pius Kock ~ Dean Beckley

Quentin Spitzer ~ Jerome Neis ~ Rod Skytland ~ KC Members

MILITARY HONORS

United States Army Funeral Honors Team

BURIAL

Carrington Cemetery

Carrington, ND

Arrangements by

Evans Funeral Home – Carrington & New Rockford, ND

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