

Willard Ralph Wahl, better known as "Butch" a nickname given to him by his brothers, was born at the family farm in Taylor Township, to Carl and Amelia (Drescher) Wahl on September 29, 1926. He lived in Taylor Township and was baptized and confirmed at the Evangelical United Brethern Church. He attended country school through the eighth grade. It was in grade school that he first met his future wife, Helen Ahlsten. Butch and Helen were each in a tractor in opposite fields when they were older and that's when their relationship blossomed.



They were married on June 29, 1951, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Monson Township. The couple farmed and raised their four children in Taylor Township. Following retirement in 1994 Willard and Helen moved to Wheaton. Butch was a member of the Bethlehem Covenant Church where he served on the Trustee Board for many years. Butch was lucky enough to win a Ford Ranger from Fleet Farm in 2000. Butch will be remembered for his love of family, hard work, and his strong faith. (and baking brownies)

Willard is survived by his children: Susan (Mark) Ihrke of Plainview, MN; Gary (Twylah) Wahl of Yuma, AZ; Steven (Donna) Wahl of Wheaton, MN; and Gale (Brett) Lupkes of Wheaton, MN; grandchildren: Matthew (Miranda) Wahl of Sartell, MN; Chad (Amy) Klindworth of Wheaton, MN; Cameron (Katie) Wahl of Denver, IA; Kerry Wahl of Fargo, ND; Alyssa (Justin) McLellan of Peoria, AZ; Andrew (Danielle) Wahl of Springfield, OR; Michael (Novy) Klindworth of Austin, TX; Emily (Rory) Wahl of Moorhead, MN; Justin Lupkes of Fargo, ND; and Samantha Lupkes of Fargo, ND; great-grandchildren: Kaitlynn and Kianna Wahl; Ava and Connor Klindworth; Anya Klindworth; Hunter and Gavin Wahl, Garrett Wahl, Megan and Allison Arjes; Cohen, Aili, and Brody McLellan; and Benjamin, Evelyn and Theodore Wahl.

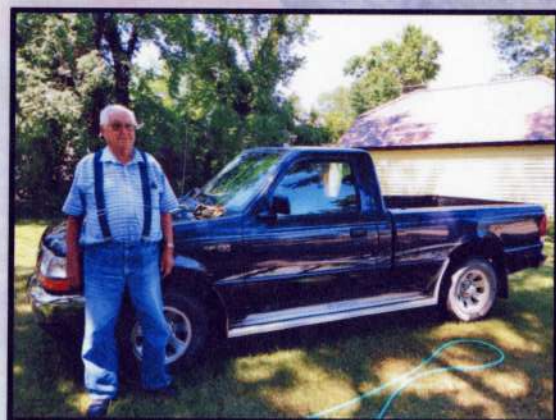
Willard was preceded in death by his beloved wife of over 70 years Helen; his parents; brothers: Harry, Emil, Albert, William and Harvey; sisters: Arleen (Spike) Keel, and Esther Jones; and granddaughter Amber Wahl.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to the Wheaton Community Diner or CHI Hospice in Breckenridge, MN.



In Loving Memory Of
Willard "Butch" Ralph Wahl
September 29, 1926 ~ February 13, 2026





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Date of Birth
September 29, 1926

Entered Into Rest
February 13, 2026

Celebration of Life

February 21, 2026 10:30 a.m.

Bethlehem Covenant Church - Wheaton, Minnesota

Officiating

Pastor Tim Shekleton

Pianist

Angie Johnson

Urn Bearers

Butch's grandchildren & great-grandchildren

Burial

Wildwood Cemetery

Please join our family for lunch in the fellowship hall
immediately following today's Celebration of Life