

## Obituary

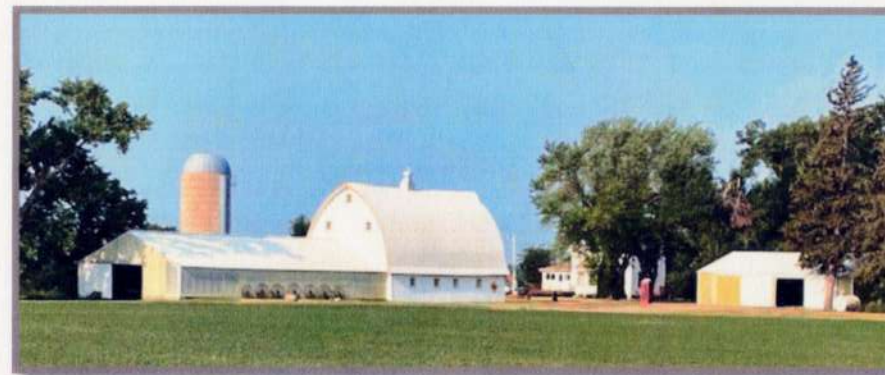
William (Bill) George Marth was born on November 4, 1926 on the Marth farm to Julius and Mary (Fehsefeldt) Marth. He attended Herman High School, where he excelled in basketball and track. After graduating from high school, he joined the Army Air Corp where he served until being honorably discharged. He was united in marriage in 1949 to Winnie Holdgrafer whom he met at a dance in Chokio, prior to enlisting. Together they raised six children on their farm east of Herman, Minnesota. Bill loved to hunt, fish, trap, ice skate, and swim. He was a 75+ year member of the American Legion. With six children, and six grandchildren, Bill spent a lot of time attending various sporting events, plays and band concerts. He absolutely loved going to auctions. Of all the things Bill enjoyed doing, what he truly loved the most was spending time with his family.

Bill passed away on August 23, 2024 at Grand Arbor in Alexandria, Minnesota. Bill is survived by his six children: Vicki Trosvig of Detroit Lakes, Minnesota; Becky Stark (John Craven) of Austin, Texas; Sally (Duane) DeGagne of Bovey, Minnesota; Kathy Stonehouse of Apple Valley, Minnesota; John Marth of Herman, Minnesota and Chris (Jim) Coleman of Pelican Rapids, Minnesota; six grandchildren: Abby Stark Hartman (Scott) of Richfield, Minnesota; Mallory Stonehouse Sahr (Mark) of Minneapolis, Minnesota; Joella Stonehouse of Richfield, Minnesota; Kayla Stonehouse of Plymouth, Minnesota; Kendra Coleman Peeters (Ryan) of Menahga, Minnesota; Patrick Coleman (Emma) of Oakdale, Minnesota; and great-grandchildren: Arrow and Bowie Hartman; Otto Sahr; and Noah Peeters. Bill was preceded in death by his wife: Winnie; parents Julius and Mary; brothers Harvey and Verlyn.



### In Memory Of Bill Marth

November 4, 1926 ~ August 23, 2024



*A*nd on the 8th day, God looked down on his planned paradise and said,

"I need a caretaker"

-- so God made a Farmer.

God said, "I need somebody willing to get up before dawn, milk cows, work all day in the fields, milk cows again, eat supper, then go to town and stay past midnight at a meeting of the school board"

-- so God made a Farmer.

"I need somebody with arms strong enough to rustle a calf and yet gentle enough to deliver his own grandchild; somebody to call hogs, tame cantankerous machinery, come home hungry, have to wait lunch until his wife's done feeding visiting ladies, then tell the ladies to be sure and come back real soon -- and mean it"

-- so God made a Farmer.

God said, "I need somebody willing to sit up all night with a newborn colt, and watch it die, then dry his eyes and say, 'Maybe next year.' I need somebody who can shape an ax handle from a persimmon sprout, shoe a horse with a hunk of car tire, who can make harness out of haywire, feed sacks and shoe scraps; who, planting time and harvest season, will finish his forty-hour week by Tuesday noon, and then pain'n from tractor back, put in another seventy-two hours"

-- so God made a Farmer.

God had to have somebody willing to ride the ruts at double speed to get the hay in ahead of the rain clouds, and yet stop in mid-field and race to help when he sees the first smoke from a neighbor's place

-- so God made a Farmer.

God said, "I need somebody strong enough to clear trees and heave bails, yet gentle enough to tame lambs and wean pigs and tend the pink-combed pullets, who will stop his mower for an hour to splint the broken leg of a meadow lark."

It had to be somebody who'd plow deep and straight and not cut corners; somebody to seed, weed, feed, breed and rake and disc and plow and plant and tie the fleece and strain the milk and replenish the self-feeder and finish a hard week's work with a five-mile drive to church; somebody who would bale a family together with the soft strong bonds of sharing, who would laugh, and then sigh, and then reply, with smiling eyes, when his son says that he wants to spend his life "doing what dad does"

-- so God made a Farmer.

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### Memorial Visitation

August 29, 2024 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m Time of Sharing

Bainbridge Funeral Home - Herman, Minnesota

