

Wilbert Curtis Scheffler was born September 23, 1929, to Willie and Helena "Lena" (Fankhanel) Scheffler in rural Barnesville. He graduated with the Barnesville High School Class of 1947. Wilbert remained on the family farm until drafted into the US Army in 1952 and served in the Korean War where he was awarded the coveted Combat Infantry Badge and multiple medals. The experience left a profound effect on him every day for the rest of his life.

Wilbert had an early interest in electronics and self-taught himself to repair radios and televisions. For many years, he operated Scheffler TV & Radio until modern electronics made repairs obsolete. He lived on the family farm until 1999 then moved into Barnesville. Country and old-time music brought him much solace and enjoyment through the years and he loved dancing, especially waltzes. He was a huge fan and friend of entertainer Albert Mikesh. Wilbert met his wife, Mary Ann Nathe, at a dance in Fargo in 1972. He had a tendency to be a cat whisperer, and he loved nature and wildlife.

He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion and Disabled American Veterans. Wilbert served as Quartermaster at the Barnesville VFW Post #4628 for fifteen years and participated for many years in the Barnesville Honor Guard at military funerals.

Survivors include his wife Mary Ann; son Bill of Moorhead, MN; daughter Peggy (DJ) Klocke and their children Brekken, Sayer, and Odessa of Barnesville, MN. He is also survived by one sister Eleanor Siggerud, of Barnesville. Preceding him in death besides his parents are his sister Pearl Loyal; brother Lloyd Scheffler; and Klocke Grand Angels.

Wilbert's birthdays were celebrated in grand style since his 90th and he was looking forward to a 93rd birthday party with music provided by Albert Mikesh and Eric Roggenkamp. Instead they will be part of his funeral service to be held on his birthday, September 23rd.

Wilbert Scheffler passed away on Friday, September 16, 2022 at Sanford Hospital in Fargo, North Dakota at the age of 92 years, 11 months, and 22 days.

May His Memory Be Blessed



FINAL INSPECTION

The Soldier stood and faced God
Which must always come to pass
He hoped his shoes were shining
Just as bright as his brass.

“Step forward you Soldier,
How shall I deal with you?
Have you always turned the other cheek?
To My Church have you been true?”

The Soldier squared his shoulders and said
“No, Lord, I guess I ain’t
Because those of us who carry guns
Can’t always be a saint.

I’ve had to work on Sundays
And at times my talk was tough,
And sometimes I’ve been violent,
Because the world is awfully rough.

But, I never took a penny
That wasn’t mine to keep.
Though I worked a lot of overtime
When the bills got just too steep,

And I never passed a cry for help
Though at times I shook with fear,
And sometimes, God forgive me,
I’ve wept unmanly tears.

I know I don’t deserve a place
Among the people here.
They never wanted me around
Except to calm their fears.

If you’ve a place for me here,
Lord, It needn’t be so grand,
I never expected or had too much,
But if you don’t, I’ll understand.”

There was silence all around the
throne
Where the saints had often trod
As the Soldier waited quietly,
For the judgment of his God.

“Step forward now, you Soldier,
You’ve borne your burden well.
Walk peacefully on Heaven’s streets,
You’ve done your time in Hell.”

~Author Unknown



In Loving Memory of **Wilbert Curtis Scheffler**

FUNERAL SERVICE

Friday, Sept 23, 2022 at 11:00 AM
Dobmeier Funeral Home
Barnesville, Minnesota

OFFICIATING

Pastor Pete Ackerson

MUSIC

Eric Roggenkamp ~ Soloist
“Wings of a Dove”
“How Great Thou Art”
Albert Mikesh ~ Instrumentalist
“Accordion Waltz”

PALLBEARERS

Dean Ernst DJ Klocke Rav Salgado
Lindsay Nagel Clifford Langerud Mark Swenson

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Albert Mikesh Eric Roggenkamp

INTERMENT

Fargo National Cemetery
Fargo, North Dakota

APPRECIATION

On behalf of Wilbert’s family, thank you for your love and support throughout his life. We appreciate your prayers and your time as his life is honored. Please join us for a time of food and fellowship following the funeral service.

*Arrangements Entrusted to Dobmeier Funeral Home
Barnesville, Minnesota*