

George William Altstadt (GWA), age 91, left this world to be with our Lord on August 28, 2025, in Perham, MN.

George Altstadt was born to Ambrose and Marge Altstadt April 13, 1934, in Perham, MN. After School, George worked at the Perham Coop Creamery for 43 years from 1953 to 1996. He retired in 1996. He married the love of his life, Ardith (Ardie) McGowan on December 28, 1955, at St. Joe Catholic Church near Dent, MN. Ardith and George were married just shy of 70 years.

Ardith and George had four children, Deb, Randy, Jim and Wanda. George loved to be with his family.

He spent much time giving rides on his John Deere tractor and his scooter with his grandkids and great grandkids. George loved to hunt and fish whenever he could. The walleyes are now safe in Ottertail Lake, that's for sure. George could strike up a conversation with anybody and loved to "shoot the bull" with anyone who would listen. There has never been a better example of a hardworking man, good father, faithful husband, or a more caring friend. We will surely miss the crazy stories of the farm dogs from your milk truck days, or the shenanigans you pulled in your younger years.

Our Dad was an inspiration to us all. He had some sayings and lots of stories that will be passed down for many years to come. He was a friend to many, and blessed all those who knew him. His legacy will live on in our hearts forever. We miss you already Dad!

George is survived by his wife, his four children, Debora (Jeff) Blickenstaff, Randy (Janel) Altstadt, James (Ashley) Altstadt, and Wanda Kupferschmid; sister, Dianne Rohde-Szarke of Perham; brother, Roger (Sue) Altstadt also of Perham; and lots of friends. He is also survived by his 16 grandchildren and 24 great grandchildren. George is preceded in death by his grandparents; parents; many sisters and brothers-in-law; and three grandsons.

In Loving

M E M O R Y



George William Altstadt

April 13, 1934 - August 28, 2025

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took His hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all
I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work or play
Tasks left undone must stay that way
I found that peace at the close of the day
If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered *Joy*
A friendship shared,
a laugh, a kiss Ah, yes, these things I too will miss
Be not burdened with times of sorrow
I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow
My life has been full, I've savored much
Good friends, good times, *a loved one's touch*
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief
Lift up your heart and share with me
God wanted me now, He set me **FREE!**

Funeral Mass

Tuesday, September 2, 2025 at 11:00 a.m.
St. Henry's Catholic Church
Perham, Minnesota

Officiants

Father Nathaniel Daubner
Father Omar Guanchez
Father LeRoy Schik
Father Greg Paffel
Deacon Randy Altstadt
Deacon Richard Quistorff

Mass Servers

Lindon Altstadt - Owen Altstadt
Brooks Kupferschmid - Tucker Kupferschmid
Croix Vanderbeek

Reader

Brett Kupferschmid

Musicians

Janel Altstadt - Jeff Blickenstaff
Isaiah Blickenstaff - Wanda Kupferschmid

Casket Bearers

Andrew Altstadt - Clayton Blickenstaff
Eric Hilleren - Michael Hilleren
Brett Kupferschmid - Brian Kupferschmid
Brannan Amundson - Dave Vukelich

Honorary Casket Bearers

All of George's Grandchildren and
Great Grandchildren

Interment

St. Henry's Catholic Cemetery
Perham, Minnesota