

*Herman Heilman* was born in Wellsburg, ND to Katherine (Bossart) and Sebastian Heilman on May 2, 1929. He attended a one-room school house and grew up on the farm. He had loads of stories about his time growing up and told them with a glint in his eye and made sure to keep in touch with his teacher.

On Oct. 1, 1951 he married Marie Heil in Selz, ND. They loved each other for 70 years, 6 months and 19 days and had nine children. Herman served in the Korean war and proudly attended the Korean Veterans reunions throughout the years, and made the trek to Washington D.C. for the Honor Flight in 2017.

After discharge from the Army, Herman started a career with the Great Northern Railroad that lasted over 30 years. His career was with the railroad, but he was so much more... a caring man, a gardener, a builder, woodworker, friend and most importantly dad, grandpa and great-grandpa. He could build or fix almost anything; his talents were astounding. Regardless of the talents he inherited, he remained a lifelong learner and was always curious. All of his children cherish his hand-made marble boards, porch swings and many other gifts and words of wisdom given over the years.

Herman was a kind soul who loved his family, he found complete joy in his grandkids. There wasn't much that made him happier than spoiling his grandchildren or making them giggle. He thoroughly enjoyed teaching them to appreciate polka music in the car and sneaking them their favorite treats.

He was always there for his family. He supported them, believed in them and stood behind them; always giving them more than he received. He stressed the value of education, and instilled the importance of helping and respecting each other. His quick wit and sense of humor taught them to remember to laugh and love. He gave his family so much to pass on.

His wife Marie of 70 years will miss him every day. To carry on his legacy are his children Diane (Jim) Heilman-Felt, Bob (Rebecca), Ron (Kristi), Allen (Lisa), Richard (Pegg), Carla, Annette, and Ann (Kory) Werlinger, 8 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. Waiting to greet him in heaven are his infant daughter Karen, his parents, brothers Pete, Joe, and Ed along with his sisters Eve Locknicar and Annie Goldade.

Rest Easy Dad...You will continue to light our way. We love you.





### **In Memory**

*When I must leave you for a little while, please do not grieve  
and shed wild tears and hug your sorrow to you through the years.  
But start out bravely with a gallant smile; And for my sake and in  
my name live on and do all things the same; feed not your  
loneliness on empty days, But fill each waking hour in useful ways,  
reach out your hand in comfort and in cheer and I in turn will  
comfort you and hold you near; and never, never be afraid to die,  
for I am waiting for you in the sky!*



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# *In Loving Memory* **Herman Heilman**



*Age*  
93 Years 18 Days

### *Mass of Christian Burial*

St. John's Catholic - Wahpeton, North Dakota  
11:00 AM - Thursday, May 25, 2022

### *Officiant*

Fr. Dale Lagodinski

### *Organist*

Mary Jane Pauly

### *Special Music*

St. John's Choir

### *Honorary Pallbearers*

*Herman's Sons*

Allen, Ron, Rick, Bob

*Herman's Grandchildren*

Ben, Andrew, John, Nora, Kathryn, Margette

### *Interment*

Fargo National Cemetery - Harwood, North Dakota