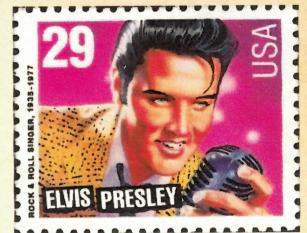


In Celebration For The Life Of



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Charles H. Bekkerus

May 25, 1947

July 31, 2022

Charles Hiram Bekkerus, the third of four children, was born on May 25, 1947, to Rudolph Aaron and Ida Albertina (Dallmann) Bekkerus at the family farm in Wilkin County, Minnesota. Charles was baptized at Little Bethany Lutheran Church, rural Barnesville and confirmed at Our Savior's in Rothsay, MN. He attended first grade at District 19, a country school in Prairie View Township, one mile north and one mile east of the home farm (uphill both ways). He grew up working on the farm with his father, until Rudy retired in 1974. He graduated from Barnesville High School in 1965. He married Sandra Erickson in September of 1966, and to this union four children were born. In May of 1966, he entered the United States Air Force and was stationed in Little Rock, AR for three years. Charlie was also stationed in Puerto Rico and recruited 118 Puerto Ricans into the military. In May of 1970, Charlie returned to Barnesville and farmed with his dad for five years. Starting part time in September of 1971, he began working for the United States Postal Service in Moorhead and was there for 12 years. He became the Postmaster in the Barnesville Post Office in 1983, retiring from there in 2002. Charles was divorced in 1991. In 1997, Charles met Carol Schwartz and they have been together ever since.

After retiring Charlie and Carol traveled with their camper. Their first trip was to Alaska, staying for two months. They then wintered in Florida. The next year they went to California and on to Cabo San Lucas in Mexico. They then traveled to Texas, where they rented camping spots for a couple of winters and finally bought a home in Mission, Texas. Beside traveling, Charlie liked to fish, ride his bicycle and motorcycle, and play endless games of cards including Pinochle, Hearts, and Cribbage. He was involved with the Jaycees, the Lions, was a 4-H member as a child, then became a 4-H leader as an adult and is a past PTA president. He is a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Barnesville.

In addition to Carol Schwartz and her children Lee Schwartz of Fargo, ND, and Tari (Steve) Wieers of Fargo, he leaves his four children: Perry Bekkerus of Fargo, ND; Patty (Jim) Carriere of Fargo, ND; Steven (Jessica) Bekkerus of Cumming, GA; and Kyle Bekkerus of San Antonio, TX; and five grandchildren: Peter, Paula and Parker Bekkerus of Denison, IA; and Mac and Ella Bekkerus of Cumming, GA; and bonus grandchildren: Joe, Joshua, Jeremiah, Isaiah, Austin and Mason Carriere, Hunter and Bella Schwartz, Connor (Sadie) Wieers and Katie Wieers. He also leaves three sisters: Helen Ann (Clyde Everhart) Erickson of Littleton, CO; Bonnie (Lyle) Osten of Callaway, MN; and Betty Bekkerus of Edina, MN; two nieces: Ilene Osten and Shelly (Matt) Dillon; and one nephew, Andrew (Deb) Osten.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Rudolph and Ida Bekkerus; and brother-in-law, C. James Erickson.

Charlie Bekkerus died on Sunday, July 31, 2022 near Horace, North Dakota, from injuries sustained in a motorcycle crash, at the age of 75 years, 2 months and 6 days. May His Memory Be Blessed.

Funeral Arrangements Entrusted to | Dobmeier Funeral & Cremation Services | Barnesville, Minnesota



A True Fisherman

A true fisherman knows when and where the fish are biting.

He rises up early in the morning, plying the water for that elusive catch, waiting in the stillness for a nibble.

A slight twitch in the line, expertly he reels it in -

A good fisherman knows a keeper when he sees one, he knows when to toss one back, and when to head for home.

(Charlie & Gene)

TWO would be fisherman rented a boat and one of them caught a large fish. "We should mark the spot," he said. The other man drew a large X in the bottom of the boat with a black marker. "That's no good," said the first man. "Next time out we may not get the same boat."



In Loving Memory of Charles Hiram Bekkerus

FUNERAL SERVICE

Monday, August 8, 2022 | 11:00 AM | Our Savior's Lutheran Church | Barnesville, Minnesota

OFFICIATING: Reverend Chris Leach | **ORGANIST:** Sharlene Allen | **SCRIPTURE READERS:** Ella and Mac Bekkerus
FLUTIST: Paula Bekkerus | **PIANIST:** Peter Bekkerus | **SOLOIST:** Parker Bekkerus | **SELECTION:** "On Eagle's Wings"

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS: "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder" | "How Great Thou Art"

PALLBEARERS

Austin Carriere | Noah Dillon | Andrew Osten | Mason Carriere | Mac Bekkerus | Peter Bekkerus | Parker Bekkerus

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Paula Bekkerus | Ella Bekkerus | Connor Wieers | Katie Wieers | Hunter Schwartz | Bella Schwartz

MILITARY HONORS

Barnesville Honor Guard | American Legion Post #153 & VFW Post #4628

INTERMENT

Little Bethany Cemetery | rural Barnesville, Minnesota

APPRECIATION

On behalf of the Bekkerus family, thank you for your love and support throughout Charlie's life. We appreciate your prayers and your time as we honor him. Please join us for a time of fellowship and food following the service in the church basement.