

## *In Loving Memory of Charles Winkels...*

Charles William Winkels was born on June 6, 1952, to Herman M. Winkels and Elena B. Winkels. In his early days he had more questions than answers. What's the meaning of life? What is Love? Who loves me? What am I to do?

Charlie graduated from Fergus Falls High School in 1970. On December 30, 1972 he married Marlys Elaine Hovland; a strong Christian woman who prayed that he would come to know the Lord. In the 1970's, while he was pursuing a degree in Animal Science at the University of Minnesota, the Gideons did their 1st Bible blitz and gave him a little green testament; the first bible he read.

In Charlie's words, "Having Marlys and the Word to guide me, I gave my life to the Lord. All the answers to my questions, the strength and power to save is in Jesus, in His Word. Standing firm in the Truth (Truth is Truth, not a consensus of people) that Bible, and seeing it lived out, especially by Marlys, created Love. Marlys and I are truly one. Together we grow in Love, experiencing all the blessings of the Lord. Each of our 5 children: Chase, Travis, Sally, Suzy, and Jill are true wonders. Each one walks a slightly different path, but they all know there is only one way, Jesus Christ. First, we must be saved, then we are called to share the Word; wherever we are at and whatever we are doing. I am so proud of every one of them who loves Jesus, loves family, and is a witness to others. I received so many other blessings; grandchildren, great grandchildren, close lifelong friends, and being a part of the Body to serve and be served. May our lives bring Glory and Honor to Him, and we will join Him in Eternal Life. I can't even imagine what that will be like, but now I see! Read the Word, live the Word, be the Word to others and we will all be together forever and ever. Amen."

Charlie graduated from the U of M in 1973. He then worked in dairy farming for many years in Minnesota and Wisconsin, after which he worked at SunOpta in Breckenridge, MN, until retiring. Retirement did not slow him down, as he worked as a handyman, sharing his skills and lending a helping hand to those in need.

Faith played a central role in Charlie's life, evident in his membership in the Gideons and serving as an elder and chairman of Hope Lutheran Brethren Church until his passing. Beyond his dedication to work and faith, Charlie had a lifelong love of horses. He also enjoyed the outdoors—deer hunting, playing golf, and gardening (especially his roses).

Charles Winkels is survived by his beloved wife, Marlys Elaine Winkels; his children: Chase (Julie) Winkels, Travis (Mary) Winkels, Sally (Denny) Jensen, Suzy (Daniel) Heikes, and Jill (Josh) Hough. He was a devoted son to his mother Elena Winkels. Charles leaves a beautiful legacy in his 15 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by three siblings, seven in-laws, and many beloved nephews and nieces.

Charles passed away to his heavenly Father on January 12, 2024, at his home, surrounded by his loving family.

**In this time of grief let us come together to celebrate the life of Charles Winkels, blessed be his memory. John 14:6—"I am the way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through me."**

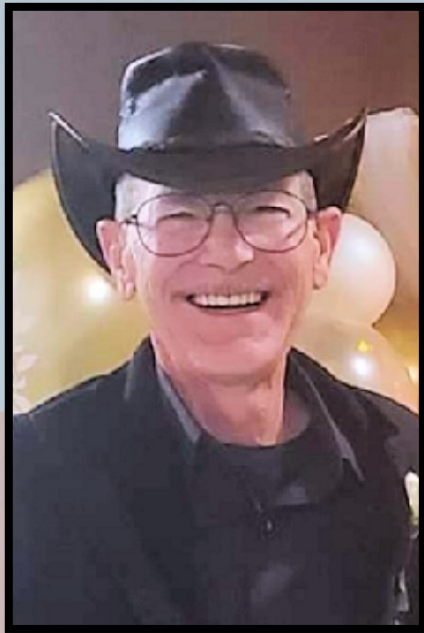
## In Celebration For The Life Of



# Charles Winkels

June 6, 1952 ~ January 12, 2024





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## **FUNERAL SERVICE**

Wednesday, January 17, 2024, 11:00 AM  
Hope Lutheran Brethren Church  
Barnesville, Minnesota

## **OFFICIATING**

Reverend Kevin Skaret

## **REMEMBRANCE**

Paul Christianson

## **MUSIC**

Darlene Johnson ~ Organist

The Gideon Trio:

Greg Anderson, Mark Sundstrom, Randy Erickson ~ Vocalists

*“Blessed Assurance”*

*“No More Night—Until Then”*

## **Congregational Hymns**

*“How Great Thou Art”*

*“Jesus Paid It All”*

## **INURNMENT**

(at a later date)

Little Bethany Cemetery  
rural Barnesville, Minnesota

## **APPRECIATION**

On behalf of Charlie’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.

~There’s A Handyman In Heaven~  
So there’s a handyman in heaven now,  
Who built his life on dreams.  
No tasks, no chores, no obstacles,  
But loved the challenge of extremes.  
A caring, honest provider,  
That unselfishly gave his all,  
A heart of gold and hands of steel,  
That responded to the call.  
A Husband, a Dad, a Granddad too,  
That would help you to the end.  
A reliable person of integrity,  
That all wanted and enjoyed as a friend.  
There’s a handyman in heaven now,  
Who’s fixing heaven’s gate,  
Oiling the hinges with pride and care,  
So that they will open for all who wait.

*Arrangements Entrusted to Dobmeier Funeral Home  
Barnesville, Minnesota*