

Remembering...

Dean Austin "Peanut" Palmer was born on September 10, 1941, in Hinckley, Minnesota, to Austin LeRoy Palmer and Marion Jane (Jones) Palmer. The sixth of nine children, he was raised in Beardsley, MN, where he attended school, played baseball, and spent many happy hours fishing with his father.

On April 30, 1966, Dean married the love of his life, Carol (Hills) Palmer at the Methodist Church in Beardsley, MN. Shortly after their marriage, the couple moved to Cambridge before eventually settling in Barnesville, MN, where they built their forever home and raised their family.

Dean proudly served his country in the United States Marine Corps as a Corporal (E-4) in Communications as a Radio Intelligence Operator in the 9th Marine Corps District. During his service he was stationed overseas in Turkey and Scotland during peacetime and earned a Marksman's Badge, Good Conduct Medal, and an Overseas Ribbon.

Throughout his life, Dean was known for his strong work ethic. He worked at the creamery and lumber yard in Cambridge, later at the lumber yard in Barnesville, and eventually retired from his work at the physical plant at Moorhead State University. Retirement didn't suit him for long, however, and he soon went back to work helping at his daughter Julie and son-in-law Curt's company, Lodestar Transport Services in Barnesville.

Dean was a man of many hobbies and interests. He loved fishing, bowling, woodworking, gardening, and watching Minnesota sports teams. As a teenager he worked on a farm, and throughout his life he enjoyed tinkering with projects and trying new things, from raising carrier pigeons to harvesting chickens in his backyard. He enjoyed long drives, sitting on the porch, and getting into a little harmless trouble on his scooter with his best pal. Dean also had a soft spot for dogs and rarely met one he didn't like.

Faith was central to Dean's life. He loved Jesus deeply and faithfully participated in daily Bible study with his family. He served as treasurer at Hope Lutheran Brethren Church in Barnesville.

Dean will be remembered for his humor and personality as much as anything else. He loved teasing people, always delivering it with a signature grin and a sparkle in his eye that made it clear it was all in love. His family also remembers the many long days on the lake, when he insisted on staying just a little longer in hopes of catching "one more fish."

Dean will be dearly missed by his beloved wife, Carol Palmer of Barnesville; his children, Paula (Mark) Thimjon, Julie (Curt) Cossette, and Matthew (Misy) Palmer; his grandchildren, Brittany Cossette, Austin Cossette, Emily Cossette, Olivia (Austin) Daugherty, Keelin Fitzpatrick, Amelia Palmer, and Finley Palmer; and his great-grandchildren, Stella Daugherty, Sunday Daugherty, and Otto Daugherty.

He is also survived by his siblings, Arlys (John) Brown, Hazen (Red) Palmer, Patricia Cardwell, Darryll (Beth) Palmer, and Sandra (Richard) Stotesbery; and sister-in-law Lucy Palmer.

Dean was preceded in death by his parents, Austin LeRoy Palmer and Marion Jane (Jones) Palmer; his parents-in-law, Ora Hills and Hazel (Doschadis) Hills; his grandchildren, Tori and Erin Cossette; his siblings, Donald Palmer, Chester (Chet) Palmer, and Eva Lou (Toddy) Stickland; and brothers- and sisters-in-law, Marlys Palmer, Larry Stickland, Mary Palmer, and Gary Cardwell.

Dean passed away peacefully on Wednesday, April 8, 2026, at Essentia Health in Fargo, ND, at the age of 84 years, 6 months, and 29 days.

Dean's life was marked by faith, humor, hard work, and a deep love for his family. He will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

May His Memory Be Blessed.

In Celebration For The Life Of **Dean A. "Peanut" Palmer**

September 10, 1941 ~ April 8, 2026



When Tomorrow Starts Without Me

When tomorrow starts without me
And I'm not there to see;
If the sun should rise and find your
eyes
All filled with tears for me.

I wish so much you wouldn't cry
The way you did today;
While thinking of the many things
We didn't get to say.

I know how much you love me
As much as I love you;
And each time that you think of
me,
I know you'll miss me too.

But when tomorrow starts without
me
Please try to understand,
That an angel came and called my
name
And took me by the hand.

She said my place was ready
In heaven far above;
And that I'd have to leave behind,
All those I dearly love.

But as I turned to walk away,
A tear fell from my eye;
For all my life, I'd always thought
I didn't want to die.

I had so much to live for,
So much yet to do;
It seemed almost impossible,
That I was leaving you.

I thought of all the yesterdays,
The good ones and the bad;
I thought of all the love we shared,
And all the fun we had.

If I could relive yesterday
Just even for awhile,
I'd say goodbye and kiss you
And maybe see you smile.

But then I fully realized
That this could never be;
For emptiness and memories
Would take the place of me.

And when I thought of worldly
things
I might miss come tomorrow;
I thought of you, and when I did,
My heart was filled with sorrow.

But when I walked through
heaven's gates
I felt so much at home;
When God looked down and smiled
at me
From His great golden throne.

He said, "This is eternity
And all I've promised you;
Today your life on earth is past,
But here it all starts anew."

"I promise no tomorrow,
But today will always last;
And since each day's the same day,
There's no longing for the past."

"But you have been so faithful,
So trusting and so true;
Though at times you did do things,
You knew you shouldn't do."

"But you have been forgiven
And now at last you're free;
So won't you take my hand
And share my life with me?"

So when tomorrow starts without
me,
Don't think we're far apart
For every time you think of me,
I'm right here in your heart.

David Romano

In Loving Memory of **Dean Austin Palmer**

FUNERAL SERVICE

Tuesday, April 14, 2026, 11:00 AM
Hope Lutheran Brethren Church
Barnesville, Minnesota

OFFICIATING

Reverend Kevin Skaret

SCRIPTURE READERS

Amelia Palmer Curt Cossette Eric Swenson

MUSIC

Marlys Winkels ~ Organist
Recorded Selection

"Grandpa" ~ The Judds
Congregational Hymns

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

"In The Morning When I Rise, Give Me Jesus"

"On Eagles Wings"

"When Peace Like A River (It Is Well With My Soul)"

PALLBEARERS

Brittany Cossette Austin Cossette Emily Cossette
Olivia Daugherty Austin Daugherty Dalton Cossette

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Amelia Palmer Finley Palmer Keelin Fitzpatrick
Stella Daugherty Sunday Daugherty Otto Daugherty

MILITARY HONORS

Barnesville Honor Guard
ND Marine Corps Honor Guard

APPRECIATION

On behalf of Dean'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*