



It is with deep love and sorrow that we honor the life of husband and father, William Jerome Heidelbergger, age 83, passed away peacefully on February 27, 2026 at his home in Frazee, Minnesota. He was born on October 3, 1942 in Minneapolis to William and Beatrice Heidelbergger.

Bill was united in marriage to Carmen Lindenfelser on September 25, 1990 at Soldiers Chapel in Big Sky, Montana. Bill's life was defined by adventure, loyalty, and an unwavering love for his family.

He was never happier than when he was on the water before sunrise, downrigger's set, patiently waiting for the next great story. An avid fisherman and talented hunter, he found peace and purpose in a deer stand, a turkey blind and his ice fishing house. Nature wasn't just a hobby to him — it was home.

He had the soul of an explorer, whether diving beneath the surface as a passionate scuba diver or riding the open road on his cherished Harley-Davidson with his wife on the back, he chased freedom with courage and joy. The rumble of his bike, the quiet of the woods, and the rhythm of the waves were the soundtrack of a life fully lived.

But the greatest adventure of his life was the love he shared with his wife. He was a devoted and loving husband, steady and strong, the kind of partner who showed his love not only in words, but in action — through loyalty, protection, laughter, and everyday presence. Their bond was one built on respect, commitment, and deep affection. They each thought they were the lucky one..

As a grandfather, uncle and friend, he was simply amazing. His eyes lit up around his grandson's. He shared his stories, his skills, his humor, and his patient guidance. He taught them how to bait a hook, catch fish, shoot a bow, and appreciate the outdoors, and most importantly, how to be kind and resilient. To them, he wasn't just Grandpa — he was a hero.

He was also the man who could fix anything, often referred to as Mr. Fix-it. If something was broken, you called him. If something seemed impossible, he'd quietly get to work and figure it out. There truly was nothing he couldn't fix — his hands built, repaired, and restored. His steady confidence made everyone feel safe.

Beyond his talents and adventures, he was a loyal friend and a devoted father. He showed up. He stood strong. He offered steady advice, a helping hand, and a laugh when it was needed most. To his family, he was a protector, a teacher, and a constant source of strength.

He leaves behind not only memories of campfires, road trips, and tall tales, but a legacy of integrity, resilience, and deep, unwavering love. His spirit lives on in every sunrise over the water, every winding backroad, every tool picked up to fix what's broken, and every quiet moment spent outdoors.

He will be deeply missed, forever loved, and never forgotten.

Bill is survived by his loving wife, Carmen of 36 years; children, Lisa (Eric) Olson, Tina Heidelbergger (Greg Nuss); five grandchildren, Derek, Devin, Autumn, Cole and Dalton; and brother, Craig (Bonnie) Heidelbergger.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and his three sisters, Beverly, Janice and Linda.

# *Celebrating* THE *Life* OF



**William J. Heidelbergger**  
October 3, 1942 - February 27, 2026



## Celebrating the Life of William “Bill” Heidelberg

Saturday, April 18, 2026 at 4:00-7:00 PM  
Schoeneberger Funeral & Cremation Service  
Perham, Minnesota

**Officiant**  
Lauryl Ivers

**Reader**  
Becky Berning

**Special Reading**  
Prayer of St. Michael

### **Listen For Me**

By Donna Ashworth

Listen for me in the music  
In the songs we held so dear  
I'll find a way to play them  
So you will feel me near

Each verse will lift you spirits  
Embrace your weary soul  
Each word my soul is sending  
To help you feel more whole

Listen for me in the music  
And nature's music too  
The birds will sing my message  
They'll chorus my love for you

The wind will play the trees  
As you are walking by  
If you listen closely  
My hearts in every sigh

Listen for me my love  
I'll find a million ways  
To whisper in your ear  
That I'm not so far away.

