

Melvin Herbert Brasel, age 84, of Perham, MN, passed away on Tuesday, July 21, 2026.

Melvin was born on June 27, 1942, to Walter and Elva (Huwe) Brasel in Perham, MN. He was baptized and confirmed at St. John's Lutheran Church in Corliss Township, near Perham. He attended country school in District 277 and Perham High School, then served six years in the Army National Guard. On May 21, 1966, he married Joyce Bunkowske in Vergas, MN, and together they raised two sons, Dan and Joel.

Melvin worked in electrical and carpentry trades throughout his life. He enjoyed camping, woodworking, and woodcarving, and cherished his winters spent in Texas.

He is survived by his two sons, Dan Brasel of Perham, MN, and Joel (Mariela) Brasel of Elk City, OK; four granddaughters, Crystal, Ximena, Gena, and Alexa; two brothers, Arlo (Sandy) Brasel of St. Cloud, MN, and Eldon (Carol) Brasel of Perham, MN; five sisters, Doris Jaakola of Perham, MN, Viola Lako of Fargo, ND, Noreen Selander of New York Mills, MN, Connie (Chuck) Bortle of Perham, MN, and Donna (Walter) Siefert of Perham, MN; sisters-in-law, Linda Brasel and Shirley Brasel, both of Perham, MN; special friend, Cody Sazama; and many other friends and relatives.

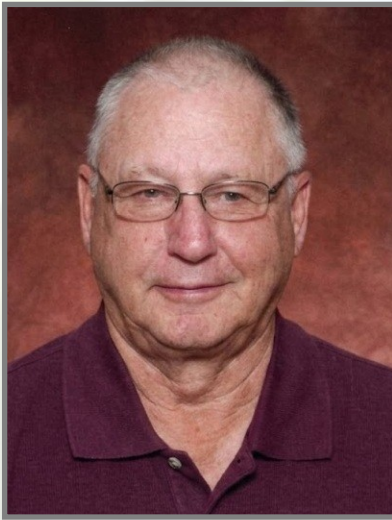
He was preceded in death by his wife, Joyce, of 58 years; his parents, Walter Wm. and Elva (Huwe) Brasel; brothers Donald, LeRoy, Gerald, and Larry Brasel; sisters-in-law, Carole Brasel and Connie Brasel; and brothers-in-law, Wayne Selander and Glenn Jaakola.

Remembering

THE LIFE OF



Melvin H. Brasel
June 27, 1942 ~ July 21, 2026



Memorial Service

Wednesday, July 29, 2026 at 11:00 a.m.
St. John's Lutheran Church of Corliss
Perham, Minnesota

Officiant

Pastor Justin Whitmore

Musician

Jennifer Blickenstaff

Musical Selections

"Blest Tie That Binds"

"What A Friend We Have In Jesus"

"Beautiful Savior"

Interment

St. John's Lutheran South Cemetery
(Bethlehem)
Perham, Minnesota

The LORD is my *Shepherd;*
I shall not want.

He maketh me to
lie down in green pastures:

He leadeth me beside the still waters,
He restoreth my

soul:

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness
for His name's sake. Yea though I walk through the
valley of the shadow of death.

*I will fear no evil:
for Thou art with me;*
Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies
Thou anointest my head with oil; My cup runneth over
Surely goodness & mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life;

And I will dwell in the house
of the LORD *forever.*
- Psalm 23