

James “Jim” Richard Bokinskie

Jim was born to Anthony and Pauline (Vollmer) Bokinskie on August 19, 1932, in Breckenridge, MN. After graduating from Wahpeton, ND High School in 1950, Jim served three years in the Navy stationed in Panama during the Korean conflict. Jim married Maribeth Gebhart July 10, 1954. In 1955 he graduated with a degree in business administration and accounting from NDSSS (now North Dakota State College of Science).

Jim was a kind and generous man with a wry sense of humor. His family, faith and community were his priorities. His friendships lasted a lifetime.

Jim was civic-minded, and his life of service started at an early age. He was elected WHS Senior Class President and served on the NDSSS' Student Cabinet. Jim was a Wahpeton City Alderman, President of the City Planning Commission, member of the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Chairman of the NDSSS Community Council, and a Volunteer Fireman. In addition, Jim was a local and state officer of the Jaycees and Kiwanis, and member of the Eagles, Elks, and American Legion.

Jim was named Wahpeton Citizen of the Year in 1976 and received the North Dakota Governor's Leadership award from Governor Arthur Link in 1976.

Jim's started his financial services career with Metropolitan Savings and Loan (now US Bank) in 1961. He was instrumental in Metropolitan's growth; but his biggest success was in hiring, mentoring and developing lifelong relationships with his Metropolitan family.

After retiring in 1991, Jim enjoyed traveling with Maribeth and spending time with his family. He devoted many hours teaching the grandkids to fish, play poker, and drive the pontoon at Ottertail Lake. Jim loved sports at all levels. He rarely missed a “coaching opportunity” at his grandkids' basketball, football, volleyball, baseball, and soccer games.

Jim is survived by his loving spouse of 68 years, Maribeth; children Charles (Barb) Bokinskie, Bruce (Jean) Bokinskie, Lynne (Jim) Ridgway, and Kerri (Tim) Harkness; grandchildren: Michael (Sophie) Bokinskie, Christopher (Melody) Bokinskie, Katherine (Tyson) Evans, Kirsten Bokinskie, Andrew Ridgway, Madeline (Jens Hagstrom) Harkness, and Nicholas Harkness; great-grandchildren Vada, Gemma, Penelope, Kiara, Payten, Ana, and Mila Bokinskie, and Remy Evans

He was preceded in death by his parents, Tony and Pauline; sister, Patricia Coval; and grandson Anthony Bokinskie. He will be joyfully greeted by his poker, golf, bowling and fishing buddies who reached Heaven before him.

Thank you to the professional and compassionate staff at Touchmark Assisted Living, Bethany Retirement Living and Hospice of the Red River Valley. Their devotion and care meant so much to Jim and his family.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to Bethany Retirement Living (Fargo), Hospice of the Red River Valley (Fargo), or St Joseph's Indian School (Chamberlain, SD).

A photograph of a sunset over a body of water. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright orange and yellow glow that reflects on the water's surface. The sky is filled with soft, dark clouds. The quote is written in a white, cursive font in the upper right portion of the image.

*Be the reason
that someone believes
that God is good.*



Laerymae Christi (Tears of Christ)

Tears of Christ, oh, tears Divine! Flow upon this soul of mine.
Sanctity and make it pure, teach it truly to endure.
Wash away its every stain only let God's love remain.
Tears of Christ, oh tears Divine! Flow upon this soul of mine.

Tears of Christ, oh, tears most blest! Flow upon my aching breast.
And the cross which presseth there shall be wreathed in pearls so fair.
That for aye my soul shall cling to this trophy of her King.
Tears of Christ, oh tears most blest! Flow upon my aching breast.

Tears of Christ, oh, tears most dear! When my agony draws near,
Flow upon each sinful hand, thou, my God, wilt understand.
Flow in pity – as I died, Jesus, watching by my side.
Give me of His tears so sweet, to lay before Thy mercy-seat.



Vertin-Munson Funeral Home - Wahpeton, ND
Funeral Directors: Whitney Demarais and Shanna Grumbles - www.vertinmunson.com

In Loving Memory

James “Jim” R. Bokinskie



Age

89 Years 11 Months 14 Days

Born

August 19, 1932 - Breckenridge, Minnesota

Passed Away

August 2, 2022 - Fargo, North Dakota

Memorial Service

12:00 PM - Tuesday, August 9, 2022
St. John's Catholic Church - Wahpeton, North Dakota

Officiant

Rev. Paul Kuhn

Organist

Mary Jane Pauly

Cantor

Brian Olsen

Congregational Hymns

“Here I Am Lord” - “On Eagles Wings” - “Amazing Grace”
“One Bread, One Body” - “Be Not Afraid”

Honorary Pallbearers

Daniel Winter, Daniel Tehle, Darryl Waldera
Alvin Maderios, Arden Anderson

Interment

St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery - Breckenridge, Minnesota