

Remembering The Life of...

William John Wellman was born July 5, 1942 to Walter Wilson and Teresa Alvina (Tschample) Wellman on a farm in Wilkin County, MN, near Barnesville. He grew up on the family farm in Deer Horn Township and attended Assumption School in Barnesville and then to Barnesville High School when he graduated in 1960. During high school he was active in Track and Field and Basketball. Following graduation, he entered the US Army and did his basic training at Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri and then was in the Army National Guard.

Bill was married on November 20, 1965 to Mary Geringer and to this union two daughters were born Vicki and Tami.

He worked in several places around the country. Throughout his life Bill was a handyman and was known as the BJ Handyman Service. He also ran a landscaping service, farm hand, and ran the heavy equipment at the beet plant.

Bill enjoyed square dancing and ballroom dancing. Playing cards was a favorite pastime. He also enjoyed traveling different places in the world with his brother Bob and sister Judy. Bill was a member of the Assumption Catholic Church and was active in the Knights of Columbus where he served many events at the Fargo Dome. Hunting and fishing were always a highlight for him. Bill will be remembered for his kind and joyful attitude through life.

Bill is survived by two daughters Vicki (Douglas) Jensen of Kamas, UT, Tamara Wellman of Horace, ND, seven grandchildren: Kayla Jensen, Sean Jensen, Brady (Monica) Birrenkott, Katie Birrenkott, Karissa Driscoll, Jasmine Driscoll, Jaxon Moritz, two great grandchildren: Logan and Nolan Birrenkott, three siblings: Robert (Cathy) Wellman of Brooklyn Park, MN, Betty Mertz of Bismarck, ND, Judy (Dan) Thompson of Barnesville, MN, aunt Delores Tschample of Miliona, MN, several nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents Walter and Teresa Wellman, grandparents, and aunts and uncles.

William "Bill" Wellman passed away on Friday, April 28, 2023 with his daughter at his side in Bethany Nursing Home of Fargo at the age of 80 years, 9 months, and 23 days.

May His Memory Be Blessed

In Celebration For The Life Of



William "Bill" Wellman
July 5, 1942 ~ April 28, 2023

In Loving Memory of William “Bill” Wellman

I'M FREE

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took His hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at close of day.
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I've savored much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your hearts and peace to thee,
God wanted me now; He set me free.*

~Anne Lindgren Davison

FUNERAL SERVICE

Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at 11:00 am
Assumption Catholic Church
Barnesville, Minnesota

OFFICIATING

Father Todd Arends

MUSIC

Marcia Dilbeck ~ Organist
Roger Durensky~ Soloist

Congregational Hymns

“Amazing Grace”

“How Great Thou Art”

“One Bread, One Body”

“On Eagles Wings”

PALLBEARERS

Jaxon Moritz Brady Birrenkott Sean Jensen
Jason Thompson Tim Dockter Douglas Jensen

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Barnesville Knights of Columbus

MILITARY HONORS

Barnesville American Legion & VFW Post Honor Guard
Minnesota National Guard Honor Squad

INTERMENT

St. Mary’s Catholic Cemetery
Barnesville, Minnesota

APPRECIATION

On behalf of Bill’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*