

## ***Remembering...***

William Alan Austin was born on January 13, 1943, to Wallace and Helen (Pender) Austin in Barnesville, MN. He grew up on the family farm and attended Atkinson Elementary School in Barnesville and high school at Northwest School of Agriculture in Crookston. Bill earned a B.S. in Agriculture at NDSU where he was active in the Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity and the ROTC.

Bill went into the Army as an officer at age twenty-three. He trained and served with the 11th Armored Cavalry (Blackhorse Regiment) and fought in Vietnam from August 1966 to July 1967. He was a life member in the American Legion and VFW. God, country, family, and freedom remained constant in his life, and his legacy.

Bill was united in marriage to Elaine Kupitz on September 4, 1965, at Immanuel Lutheran in Stirum, ND. They farmed and raised their family on their homestead outside of Barnesville, MN, which they bought sight-unseen when he was in Vietnam. They farmed until 1998 and moved from the farmstead to Barnesville in 2018. For several years they were able to winter in Texas.

In addition to farming, Bill was a devoted member of his community. He was active in the American Legion and Our Saviors Lutheran Church. He enjoyed volunteering, golfing, ice fishing, bocce ball, and he loved playing baseball. He served on numerous boards that supported his community.

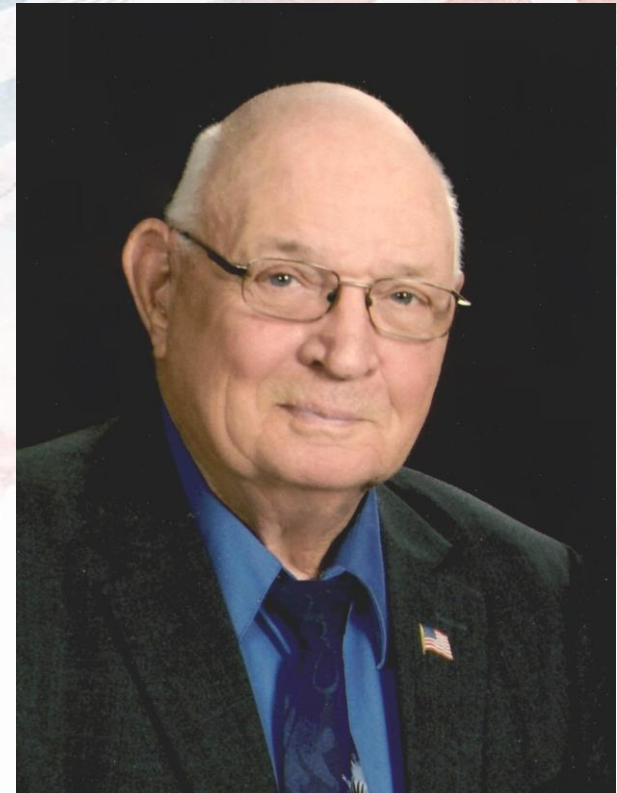
Bill is survived by his wife, Elaine Austin of Barnesville; three children: Dawn (Chris) D'Alessandro of Bemidji, MN; Paul Austin of Barnesville, MN; Karen (Scott) Whitten of Bozeman, MT; 4 grandchildren: Austin (Ashelyn) Larson, Tristan Larson, Madisson Larson, and Kai Whitten. He is also survived by his sisters Margaret Mead, Nancy Grout, and Genevieve Austin; and other cherished relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister Kathleen Janssen.

William "Bill" Austin, of Barnesville, MN died on Monday, June 3, 2024 at the Veterans Hospital, in Fargo, ND at the age of 81 years, 4 months, and 21 days.

***May His Memory Be Blessed***

## **IN CELEBRATION FOR THE LIFE OF**



## **William "Bill" Austin**

January 13, 1943 – June 3, 2024

## A SPECIAL WISH

Whatever path you follow,  
May these blessings come your way –  
Cherished friends and loved ones  
To brighten every day,  
Work that makes you happy,  
Rest that makes you strong,  
A sense of humor to see you through  
Whenever things go wrong,  
The strongest faith, the brightest hopes  
That Heaven can impart,  
Serenity and wisdom,  
An understanding heart,  
An awareness of life's beauty,  
An answer to your prayers,  
And the blessed reassurance  
That God understands and cares.  
-Barbara Burrow

## Appreciation

On behalf of the Austin family, thank you for your love and support throughout Bill's 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 memorial service.

**Arrangements entrusted to:**  
**Dobmeier Funeral Home**  
**Barnesville, Minnesota**

# In Loving Memory Of William Alan Austin

## Funeral Service

Saturday, June 8, 2024, 11:00 AM  
Our Savior's Lutheran Church  
Barnesville, Minnesota  
Officiating – Rev. Ali Haugerud

## Music

Sharlene Allen – Organist  
Christopher Kraemer – Soloist

## Selections

*"God Bless The USA" by Lee Greenwood*  
*"An Evening Prayer" by Marty Robbins*  
*"What A Wonderful World" by Louis Armstrong*

## Congregational Hymns

*"How Great Thou Art" #856*  
*"Now Thank We All Our God" #840*

## Pallbearers

Cory Heng Jeff Pender Andrew Janssen  
Bill Briss Larry Heng Jay Kluck

## Honorary Pallbearers

Doug Kupitz Jim Kupitz Cyrus Grout

## Military Honors

Barnesville Honor Guard  
American Legion Post #153 VFW Post #4628  
MN National Guard Honor Squad

## Interment

Elkton Cemetery  
Rural Downer, Minnesota