David Anderson "The Bear", a beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend, passed away on November 1, 2026. Known for his larger-than-life personality, quick wit, and countless memorable "Bear quotes," David leaves behind a lifetime of stories, laughter, and cherished memories.

Andy Bear attended Wheaton High School and worked various jobs around Wheaton before proudly joining the United States Navy on January 25, 1955. He served four years and spent most of that time aboard the USS Spangler during the Korean War, an experience he was proud of and that remained an important part of his life.

On September 30, 1961, Andy married the love of his life, Carol Frisch, in Dumont, Minnesota. Together, they built a life filled with family, hard work, friendships, and plenty of laughter.

Andy and Carol lived in Spring Lake Park from 1961 to 1972. In 1965 their home was destroyed by a tornado, but with determination and perseverance, they rebuilt in 1966. During those years, David worked at Pex Lumber and Meyers Printing, and he also enjoyed bartending at the VFW, where he made many lasting friendships.

In 1972 Andy and Carol moved to Johnson, where they opened Andy's Pop Store, affectionately known as the Bear's Den. The store became much more than a place of business—it was a gathering spot for friends, neighbors, and anyone who wanted to stop by, share a story, and spend time with The Bear. Andy retired in 2002, but his love for visiting and keeping in touch with friends never faded.

In 2015 Andy and Carol moved to Dumont to be closer to family. Andy treasured his family deeply and was especially proud of his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Andy is survived by his loving wife, Carol; his 3 children: Kerry (Sara) Anderson, Zack (Zanna), Alex, Madden & Mayzie, Lane (Ashley) Anderson, Tate & Dalton, Page (Will) Mark, George, Margaret & Miriam; Wendy (Rich) Klouda Mandy, Macklin & Marigold; and Missy (Dale) Pryzmus, Dylan & Dayne. He will also be lovingly remembered by his many friends and all those whose lives he touched along the way.

There are far too many Bearisms to list them all, and anyone who knew Andy Bear undoubtedly has a favorite. He enjoyed a cold beer, country music, collecting all sorts of treasures, and reminiscing about the old days. More than anything, he enjoyed visiting with his many friends and making people laugh.

One of David's special traditions was calling everyone he knew on their birthday to deliver a "Bear Wish." In his final couple of years, when he lost his voice, Carol lovingly became his voice, helping him continue that cherished tradition. It was a beautiful reflection of their lifelong love and partnership.

David lived life on his own terms, with humor, heart, and a genuine appreciation for the people around him. His stories will be told, his quotes will be repeated, and his birthday wishes will be remembered for years to come.

The Bear may have left the Den, but he will never be forgotten. His legacy lives on in the family he loved, the friendships he built, and the countless memories that will continue to bring smiles and laughter.

Rest easy, Bear. Save us a seat, and make sure the beer is cold. Bye for now.

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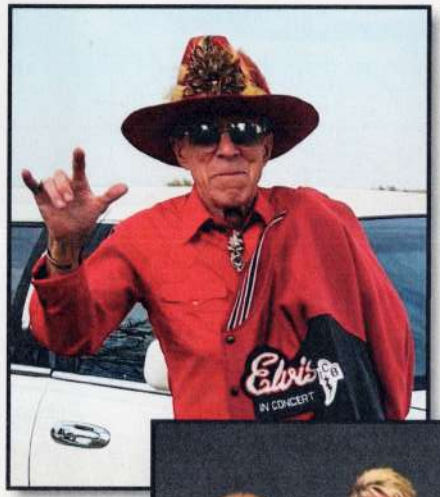
In Loving Memory Of

"The Bear"

David Anderson

November 30, 1935 ~ November 1, 2026









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Date of Birth
November 30, 1935

Entered Into Rest
November 1, 2026

Funeral Services

10:30 AM, November 6, 2026

Ave Maria Catholic Church - Wheaton, Minnesota

Officiating

Fr. John Paul Knopik

Organist
Cindy Sanasack

Special Music
Ave Maria Catholic Church Choir

Pallbearers

Dayne Przymus *Dylan Przymus* *Lane Anderson*
Zack Anderson *Mitch Frisch* *Ron Bartsch*

Military Rites Provided By

Jesse Poole American Legion Post #297

Burial

St. Peter's Catholic Cemetery - Dumont, Minnesota