



Verne Bowman

January 19, 1935 - February 12, 2023

The Mass of Christian Burial for Verne Bowman, of Wadena, will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, February 17, at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Wadena. Visitation will be held at the church on Friday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the Mass. A Knights of Columbus Rosary will be prayed at 9:45 a.m.

Verne, 88, passed away on February 12, 2023, of natural causes, at the Lakewood Care Center, Staples, MN.

Verne Lee Bowman was born on January 19, 1935, to Edward and Anna Marie Bowman in Haupt, Beltrami County, MN. At 17, Verne joined the United States Marine Corps, where he served three years overseas during the Korean War, becoming a MP while serving in Japan. He was honorably discharged in 1955. After Verne graduated from Dunwoody College of Technology in 1960, he moved to Wadena to work for Uselman Electric and eventually became self-employed running his auto electric repair business in Wadena for over 45 years.

In 1956, Verne met the love of his life, Carol Erpelding, in Blackduck. They were married nearly 65 years ago on May 10, 1958. Verne and Carol later adopted their three children, Ann Marie, Jenifer and Michael.

Verne loved spending time with his wife, kids, family and friends, camping, hunting, 4-wheeling, campfires and venturing in the woods near his family homestead in Funkley. He was a private pilot for many years, built an authentic log cabin, welded incredibly sturdy trailers and always loved to play cards. He was very active in his community serving as chairman of St. Ann's School Board and belonged to the Elks, VFW, Knights of Columbus and the Pilots Association.

Verne was predeceased by his parents; brother, Ernest Bowman; sister, Ardena Doss; two infant siblings; and daughter-in-law, Tammy Bowman.

He is survived, and will be greatly missed, by his wife, Carol; sister, Alys Arionus (age 105); children: Ann Marie Bowman, Jenifer (Randy) Anhorn, and Michael Bowman; grandchildren: Kayla (Nick) Thurner, Toni Hagen, Stevie (Kyle) Ostenson, Elise Anhorn, Alex Anhorn, along with great grandchildren, Reese and Rhett Ostenson.

Serving as pallbearers will be Kayla Thurner, Nick Thurner, Toni Hagen, Stevie Ostenson, Kyle Ostenson, Elise Anhorn, Alex Anhorn and Randy Anhorn.

Military honors provided by Elmer Goche Post 3922, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Wadena, MN.

Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery, Wadena, MN.

Monetary memorials will be used to provide a trade school scholarship in Verne's name.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

Franklin Dr. & 6th St SW
Wadena, MN 56482

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 17. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Ann's Catholic Church
514 1st St. SE
Wadena, MN

Rosary

FEB 17. 9:45 AM (CT)

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514 1st St. SE
Wadena, MN

Service

FEB 17. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Ann's Catholic Church
514 1st St. SE
Wadena, MN

Tribute Wall

BB

“*Bruce & Joyce Boyne lit a candle in memory of Verne Bowman*



Bruce & Joyce Boyne - February 17, 2023 at 03:07 PM

CO

“*Carol Osborn lit a candle in memory of Verne Bowman*



Carol Derby Osborn - February 17, 2023 at 07:59 AM

BH

“*Bob & Donna Haman lit a candle in memory of Verne Bowman*



Bob & Donna Haman - February 16, 2023 at 08:09 PM



“*Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Verne Bowman.*



February 16, 2023 at 04:52 PM

CU

“ Chad Uselman lit a candle in memory of Verne Bowman



Chad Uselman - February 16, 2023 at 08:05 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Verne Bowman.



February 15, 2023 at 10:35 PM



“ Carol and Family, prayers and hugs for your loss.



Rocky Reese - February 15, 2023 at 05:10 PM

AC

“ Arvig Family and Company purchased the Full Heart for the family of Verne Bowman.



Arvig Family and Company - February 15, 2023 at 10:20 AM



“ *Lynda & Dave Wosmek lit a candle in memory of Verne Bowman*



Lynda and Dave Wosmek - February 15, 2023 at 08:11 AM



“ *Ben Tellers lit a candle in memory of Verne Bowman*



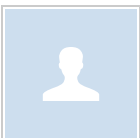
Ben Tellers - February 15, 2023 at 05:49 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Verne Bowman.*



February 14, 2023 at 05:18 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Verne Bowman.*



February 14, 2023 at 12:13 PM

LH

“ *Leo Haisman lit a candle in memory of Verne Bowman*



Leo Haisman - February 14, 2023 at 11:01 AM

MF

“ *My sympathy to all the family.*



marie fraune - February 14, 2023 at 10:27 AM

JS

“ *Jim Stoneman lit a candle in memory of Verne Bowman*



Jim Stoneman - February 14, 2023 at 07:56 AM

DK

“ *Dan Kern lit a candle in memory of Verne Bowman*



Dan Kern - February 14, 2023 at 06:27 AM