



## Wendell Kimber

October 6, 1935 - November 21, 2023

The funeral service celebrating the life of Wendell Kimber, of Bertha, will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, Monday, November 27, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Bertha with Pastor Blake Rickbeil presiding. Visitation will be held on Sunday, from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. at the Domian-Anderson Chapel in Bertha, and will resume at the church on Monday from 9:00 a.m. until the time of the service

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Schuller Family Funeral Homes & Cremation Services invites you to view the funeral Service for Wendell Kimber on Monday, Nov 27, 2023 by searching Schuller Family Funeral Home Facebook

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Wendell, age 88, passed away on November 21 , 2023, at the Lakewood Health System Hospital in Staples, MN.

Wendell Erwin Kimber was born on October 6, 1935, to Irvin Virgil & Wilma Dorthea Marie (Dunker) Kimber at home near Battle Lake MN. He was of German and English descent. Wendell loved to talk about one of his English ancestors because he found he was a descendant of the pirate Captain Kid. As a child, he grew up and attended Girard Township & Leaf Lake country schools in Ottertail County. In 1953 Wendell graduated from Hewitt High School. He was the last graduating class of Hewitt Public School. (He received a great education and acquired a passion for spelling. If you could

pronounce the word, he could spell it.)

Wendell enlisted in the United States Air Force on February, 1954. He served 4 years as a mechanic and was stationed at an airbase, in Iceland. The airbase was the first line of defense against Russia. He then was stationed in Lincoln, NE, and was discharged with a rank of Airman First class in 1958. After his time in the Air force Wendell and his family lived in Long Beach, CA for one year before moving back to Hewitt, MN where he was a bus driver and a mechanic for 5 years. Wendell was an innovative and well-respected dairy farmer in the Bertha-Hewitt area for over 40 years. He was willing to take risks and try new ideas in farming. Wendell was united in marriage to Yvonne Rose Lindeman on December 29, 1954. They became parents of Karen Lynn (1956), Wayne Wendell (1958), Myron Eugene (1962) Brian Christopher (1969). Wendell has 11 grandchildren and 25 great grandchildren. He loved to spend time with his family. Most Sunday afternoons were spent snowmobiling in the winter, water skiing, spending time at the lake in the summer and fishing with his uncle Melvin in Canada. Since Wendell was in the Air Force, he had an interest in flying. He took lessons to become a pilot and logged many solo flights during his training.

Wendell was involved in many organizations and clubs. Some of those include Saddle Club, 4H, and the Todd County FHA committee. He was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church and served as a church elder. Wendell also was a boy scout leader for troop 59 of Bertha from 1981-1989. He lost the love of his life in 1999. He later met Harriet Ann Smith; they were united in marriage on February 15, 2003. They enjoyed traveling and were able to take a Florida Disney World trip, an Alaskan cruise, and many mystery trips with the garden club. Wendell and Harriet also like to attend concerts in Wadena as part of the concert association.

Wendell's legacy will live on for generations. His work ethic and love of land

and most importantly family has been deeply instilled in each and every one of his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Special heartfelt thank you to: Martina Hendrickson, Julie Olsten, Diane Lee and the staff at the Central Todd County Care Center, for the outstanding and loving care Wendell received these past few years.

Wendell was preceded in death by: his wife Yvonne, parents Irvin & Wilma, siblings Roland Kimber and Dennis Kimber and daughter-in-law Sheri Lyn Kimber.

He is survived by his children Karen Ganske-Bennett (Thomas) of Bottineau ND, Wayne Kimber of Hewitt, Myron (Sherrie) Kimber of Bertha, Brian (Kelly) Kimber of Bertha; sisters Lois Stelflug of Wadena and Avis Lenz of Shakopee. 11 grandchildren and 25 great grandchildren.

Serving as casket bearers will be his grandsons: Mitchell Ganske, Shaun Kimber, Brandon Kimber, Daniel Kimber, Andrew Kimber, Eric Kimber, Alex Kimber.

Honorary casket bearers will be his granddaughters: Brittney Wawrzyniak, Brianna Schifsky, Linsey Karpen, Lacey Krush and great grandchildren: Justice, Brook, Natalie, Jeremiah, Logan, Ashtyn, Helena, Macie, Camden, Colten, Mason, Dane, Carson, Everly, Bennett, Bo, Luke, Paislee, Jackson, Zion, Wyatt, Cassie, Jackie, Calan, and Kylie

Military honors will be provided by the Air Force Honor Guard and William Larson American Legion Post 366, Bertha, MN.

Burial will be in Trinity Lutheran Cemetery in Hewitt, MN.



# Cemetery Details

## Trinity Lutheran Cemetery

12658 470th St.  
Hewitt, MN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **26**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Domian-Anderson Chapel  
309 2nd Avenue NW  
Bertha, MN 56437  
(218) 924-4000

## Visitation

NOV **27**. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Paul's Lutheran Church - Bertha  
203 1st Ave. SE  
MN 56437

## Service

NOV **27**. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Paul's Lutheran Church - Bertha  
203 1st Ave. SE  
MN 56437



# Tribute Wall



“ *Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Wendell Kimber*



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**Schuller Family Funeral Homes** - November 24, 2023 at 06:59 PM



“ *It's me Natalie, your granddaughter I'm really sorry that you passed away and I couldn't say goodbye to you. I hope you have a great life up in heaven. I ❤️ you very much great grandpa and I miss you 🥺. Love your granddaughter Natalie.*



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**Natalie Eide** - July 11, 2024 at 03:29 PM

MT

“ *Neighbors, friends, Kimber family, I'm so sorry for your loss! Fond memories of mother babysitting and sleepovers when we were young. May God comfort you. Mary Wallner Tumberg*

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**Mary Tumberg** - December 03, 2023 at 02:21 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wendell Kimber.*



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November 26, 2023 at 06:15 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to the Kimber family.*



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**Vicky Lindeman** - November 26, 2023 at 01:47 PM



“ *Lynda C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wendell Kimber.*

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**Lynda C.** - November 25, 2023 at 03:46 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Wendell Kimber.*



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November 25, 2023 at 03:46 PM

KP

“ Karen Priebe lit a candle in memory of Wendell Kimber



Karen Priebe - November 25, 2023 at 11:27 AM

HS

“ Heidi Stokes lit a candle in memory of Wendell Kimber



Heidi Stokes - November 24, 2023 at 10:42 PM



“ 45 files added to the album Life Tributes



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - November 24, 2023 at 06:59 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Wendell Kimber.*



November 24, 2023 at 10:03 AM



“ *Great-grandpa Wendell I love you and I miss you very much. I won't be able to come to your funeral on Monday. I loved seeing you at Wayne's lake place and hanging out with you. I hope you have a great life up in heaven and I also hope you will watch me from every move I make. Love your grandchild Brooke.*

**Brooke Eide** - November 24, 2023 at 08:26 AM



“ *Angie Smith lit a candle in memory of Wendell Kimber*



**Angie Smith** - November 23, 2023 at 06:48 PM



“ *Sorry about loosing your dad ..Karen ..Wayne ..Myron ...praying for your family*



**elvin & Judy Shultz** - November 23, 2023 at 11:25 AM

NB

“ Neal & Leona Bowman lit a candle in memory of Wendell Kimber



Neal & Leona Bowman - November 22, 2023 at 07:59 PM

MA

“ Mark Barb Allen lit a candle in memory of Wendell Kimber



Mark & Barb Allen - November 22, 2023 at 07:25 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Wendell Kimber.



November 22, 2023 at 03:12 PM

DH

“ Thoughts & prayers to your entire family. God Bless. Love, Darrell & Lisa



Darrell & Lisa Hoemberg - November 22, 2023 at 02:23 PM

LH

“ LEO HAISMAN lit a candle in memory of Wendell Kimber



LEO . HAISMAN - November 22, 2023 at 11:14 AM

JB

“ So sorry to hear of Wendell's passing. I really enjoyed visiting with him at the bank. My deepest sympathy to all of his family.

Janice Benson - November 22, 2023 at 10:27 AM

KW

“ Karen Kimber Westling planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wendell Kimber.

Karen Kimber Westling - November 22, 2023 at 10:16 AM

KW

“ Karen Kimber Westling purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Wendell Kimber.



Karen Kimber Westling - November 22, 2023 at 10:16 AM

TC

“ *Tabitha Captain lit a candle in memory of Wendell Kimber*



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**Tabitha Captain** - November 22, 2023 at 09:49 AM

JC

“ *Jim & Janell Carr sent a virtual gift in memory of Wendell Kimber*



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**Jim and Janell Carr** - November 22, 2023 at 09:08 AM

LW

“ *Louis & Tina Wegscheid lit a candle in memory of Wendell Kimber*



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**Louis and Tina Wegscheid** - November 22, 2023 at 08:14 AM

WL

“ *A Tribute to My Uncle Wendell*

*My Uncle Wendell was more than an uncle to me, he was an exemplary example of a Godly man, son, brother, husband, father and grandfather. From early morning until late evening, he was always very productive. I remember that my visits were either located in the barn or in the field. As busy as he was, he always took time for me and genuinely cared about me. When he asked, "How are you doing", he really wanted to know. Uncle Wendell was always my example of how a father should be: kind, gentle, caring, disciplined, hard working, forgiving, selfless and very generous. I have so many good memories of Uncle Wendell and his family. I remember bailing hay, fishing, snowmobiling, water skiing and many more activities. As he entered his senior years, I often called him from California and we talked for quite a while, it was so good to hear his voice. During our talks, he always wanted to know how I was and how my school year was progressing. Uncle Wendell was always a secure and centered man and I believe it was because he had a relationship with Jesus Christ. He lived his faith everyday. My last visit with Uncle Wendell was in September, it was very special for both of us. My departing words to him were, "You were always the father that I wanted." He nodded and teared up, as I did too. I will deeply miss you Uncle Wendell, thank-you so much for investing in my life!!!*

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**Wayne Lindeman** - November 21, 2023 at 10:46 PM

DT

“ *Diane Teigland lit a candle in memory of Wendell Kimber*



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**Diane Teigland** - November 21, 2023 at 08:37 PM

RA

“ *Rita Anderson lit a candle in memory of  
Wendell Kimber*



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**Rita Anderson** - November 21, 2023 at 06:45 PM

MS

“ *Mike & Lea Snyder lit a candle in memory of  
Wendell Kimber*



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**Mike and Lea Snyder** - November 21, 2023 at 06:34 PM