

And on the 8th day, God looked down
on His planned paradise and said, "I need a caretaker."

So God made a farmer

God said, "I need somebody willing to get up before dawn,
milk cows, work all day in the fields, milk cows again,
eat supper, then go to town & stay past midnight
at a meeting of the school board."

So God made a farmer

"I need somebody with arms strong enough to rustle a calf
& yet gentle enough to deliver his own grandchild;
somebody to call hogs, tame cantankerous machinery,
come home hungry, have to wait lunch until his wife's done
feeding visiting ladies, then tell the ladies
to be sure and come back real soon — and mean it."

So God made a farmer

God said, "I need somebody willing to sit up all night with a
newborn colt, & watch it die, then dry his eyes and say,
'Maybe next year.' I need somebody who can shape
an ax handle from a persimmon sprout,
shoe a horse with a hunk of car tire,
who can make harness out of haywire, feed sacks,
& shoe scraps; who, planting time and harvest season,
will finish his forty-hour week by Tuesday noon, & then,
pain'n from tractor back, put in another seventy-two hours."

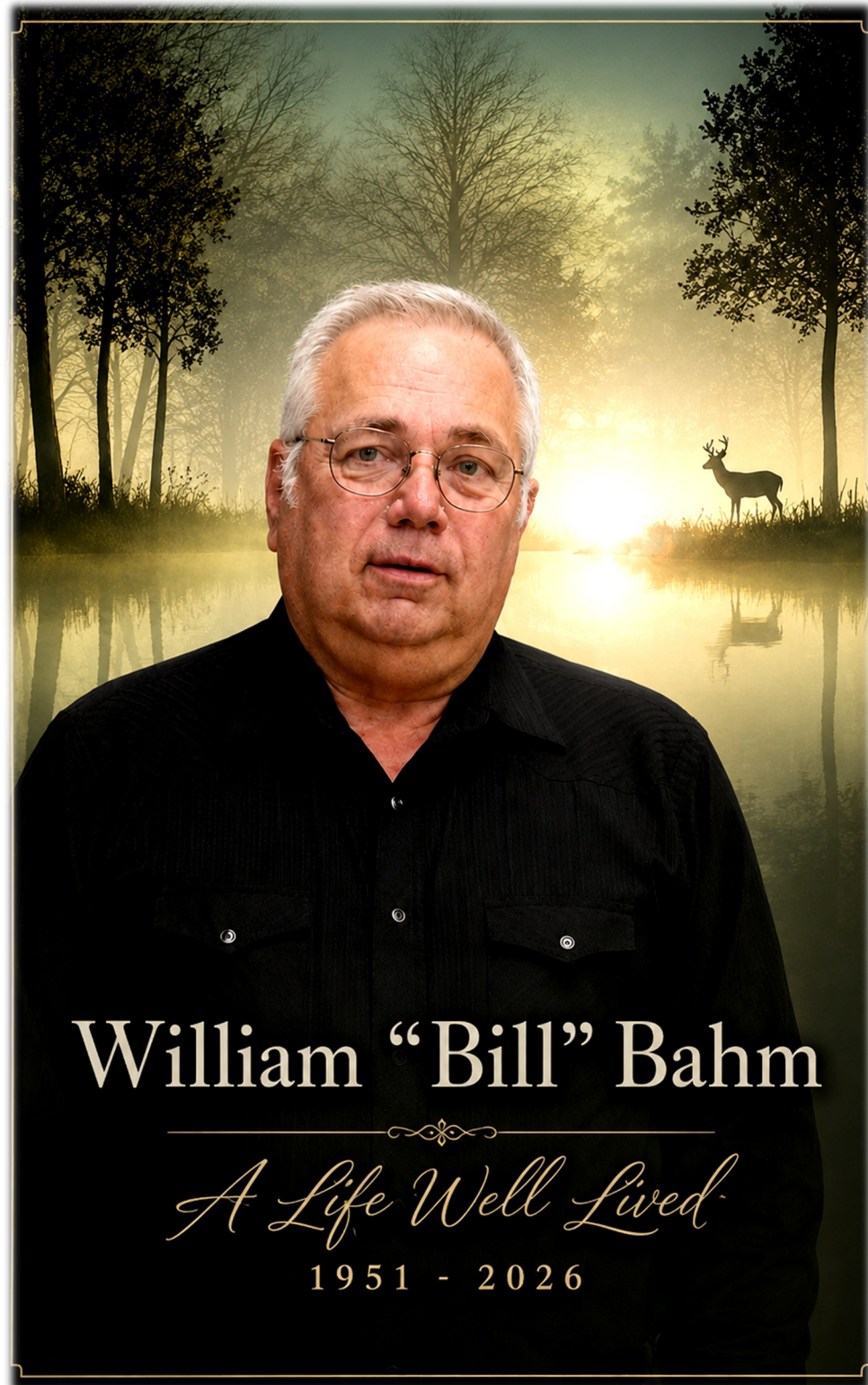
So God made a farmer

God had to have somebody willing to ride the ruts
at double speed to get the hay in ahead of the rain clouds,
& yet stop in mid-field & race to help
when he sees the first smoke from a neighbor's place.

So God made a farmer

God said, "I need somebody strong enough to clear trees
& heave bails, yet gentle enough to tame lambs & wean pigs
& tend the pink-combed pullets, who will stop his mower
for an hour to splint the broken leg of a meadow lark."

So God made a farmer



William "Bill" Bahm

A Life Well Lived

1951 - 2026

William "Bill" Bahm, 75, of rural Almont, passed away on July 20, 2026, from injuries sustained in a farm accident.

William John Edward Bahm, known to his family and friends as Bill, was born on May 30, 1951, to John and Tillie (Matz) Bahm. Raised and educated in New Salem, Bill graduated from New Salem High School in 1970. From a young age, Bill worked alongside his father as a carpenter, a trade he continued until 1986. Bill attended the North Dakota State School of Science in Wahpeton where he studied machine tooling and specialized in plastics. He then turned his full attention to the work he loved most, farming and ranching, which remained his life's focus until his passing. Bill also served as a school bus driver for many years and in 1995, he helped build a portable classroom for the Almont School.

Bill had a heart for teaching and community service. For 28 years, he taught Hunter Education classes twice a year, finding joy in mentoring young hunters and watching his students grow. His dedication earned him the 2019 Hunter Education Instructor of the Year Award and the International Hunter Education Association's 50-Year/50-Class recognition in 2021. He also earned the Grant County Range Health Award in 2019.

A lifelong supporter of his community, Bill served as Director of the Almont Fire Department from 1995 until his passing and was instrumental in helping organize and build the community's new fire hall. He also served as an Irrigation District Director beginning in 1995 and was an active member of the New Salem Sports Club.

Bill enjoyed the simple things in life. The smell of freshly cut alfalfa always brought a smile to his face and he often reminisced about the years he spent doing cement work with his father in New Salem. He loved watching the town settle down each evening and come alive again with each new morning. In his free time, he enjoyed woodworking, fishing, hunting, and, most of all, visiting with family and friends.

Blessed to have shared in his life is his wife of 52 years, Janet Bahm; daughter, Jessica Bahm and grandson, Dylan Bahm, of Bismarck; son, Edward Bahm of Lincoln; sisters, Susan Haugen of Fargo, Delilah (Bob) Peschel of Laquey, MO, and Juanita (Don) Achtenberg of Elgin; brothers, Richard (Trish) Bahm of Mandan, Ned Bahm of New Salem, and Daniel (Julie) Bahm of New Salem; sister-in-law, Katie Dawson of Duluth, Minnesota; brothers-in-law, Terry Dawson and James Dawson both of New Salem; along with many nieces, nephews, and their families.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, John and Tillie Bahm; sister, Connie Burekhardt; brothers-in-law, Rob Haugen and Larry Dawson.

Memorial Service

Saturday, July 25, 2026; 10:00 AM
Bismarck Country Club
930 N. Griffin Street
Bismarck, North Dakota

Officiant

Pastor Marcy Dawson

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF WILLIAM "BILL" BAHM

Invocation

Music

"The Old Rugged Cross"

Call to Worship

Prayer

Reading of the Obituary

Sharing of Memories

Music

"Go Rest High On that Mountain"

Scripture Reading

Psalm 121

Message ~ Rev. Marcy Dawson

Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Music

"Take Me Home, Country Road"

Affirmation of Faith

Announcement

Commendation

Closing Song

"Chicken Fried"

*The family invites you to stay for food & fellowship
immediately following the memorial service.*

Graveside Service

Almont Cemetery
Almont, North Dakota



Scan the QR code
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Celebration of Life video.

