

The LORD is my *Shepherd;*  
I shall not want.  
He maketh me  
lie down in green pastures:  
He leadeth me beside the still waters,  
He restoreth my  
*soul:*

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness  
for His name's sake. Yea though I walk through the  
valley of the shadow of death.

*I will fear no evil:  
for Thou art with me;*  
Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies

Thou anointest my head with oil; My cup runneth over

Surely goodness & mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life;

And I will dwell in the house  
of the LORD *forever.*  
- Psalm 23

*In Loving*  
M E M O R Y

Donald Wartner

March 20, 1937 - February 25, 2026



**Donald 'Don' Deane Wartner** was born on March 20, 1937 to John and Rachel (Garritson) Wartner in Lake Benton, Minnesota. While growing up, Don attended school at Lake Benton School. On May 12, 1956, Don was united in marriage to the love of his life, Yvonne Bakker in Tyler, Minnesota. The couple lived in several cities throughout the state including Lake Benton, Tyler, Dundee, Starbuck, Glenwood, Clara City, and Morris. Together they wintered for over 30 years in Alamo, Texas. Don was an avid member of a card club while he was in Texas and deeply enjoyed entertaining family and guests when they came to visit. Don passed away peacefully on February 25, 2026 at the South Texas Heart Hospital in McAllen, Texas, at the age of 88 years, 11 months and five days.

Don was a true jack of all trades - he was a dairy, livestock, and crop farmer, a construction worker, tree trimmer, mechanic and a trickster. He was always willing to help anyone with a project around their home or yard. Spending countless hours working on motors of all kinds - tractors, cars, trucks, lawn mowers, no job was too big. But above all, Don was a family man. He adored his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, he was extremely proud of his family. When Don wasn't working, he could be found enjoying music and dancing. He loved a good rummage sale and flea market - was always on the lookout for the best deal! Picking raspberries and digging for potatoes were also a favorite pastime. Don will be missed for his outgoing personality and his favorite prank of shaking hands with people and waiting for them to realize he is missing his pinky finger. He will be deeply missed by those who knew him.

Don is lovingly remembered by his children, Mike (Charlotte) Wartner of Hancock, Minnesota, Doug (Sharon) Wartner of Morris, Minnesota, and Jackie Wandersee of Clara City, Minnesota; 13 grandchildren, Austin, Jennie, Pennie, Krisie, Shannon, Jesse, Becky, Dean, Mahan, Katelyn, Skylar, Kinslee, and Nora; 25 great-grandchildren, Peyton, Avery, Emma, Olivia, Easton, Grant, Eldon, Kadin, Kendal, Karter, Josiah, Jacob, Justin, Lily, Parker, Ada, Dominic, Eliot, Maiya, Miguel, Jaxen, Eliana, Delva Joy, Emery, and Camille; and many nieces, nephews and great friends. He was preceded in death by his wife, Yvonne Wartner; grandson, Josiah; and his parents, John and Rachel Wartner.

In Memory Of  
**Donald Wartner**



**Memorial Mass of Christian Burial**  
Friday, March 13, 2026 - 11:00 AM  
St. Genevieve Catholic Church  
Lake Benton, Minnesota

**Celebrant**

Father Cornelius Ezeiloaku

**Scriptures**

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, 11a

Psalms 34

II Corinthians 4:14-5:1

John 5:24-29

**Music**

**Organist -** Jodi Weber

**Cantor -** Monica Northrop

**Congregational Hymns**

"Amazing Grace"

"Be Not Afraid"

"On Eagle's Wings"

"Song of Farewell"

"How Great Thou Art"

**Inurnment**

St. Genevieve Catholic Cemetery

Lake Benton, Minnesota

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