

So, God Made a *Veteran*

And on the 10th day ... God looked down
on his planned Paradise and said,
'I need a hero' ... so God made a Veteran.

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God said, 'I need somebody willing to get up
before dawn, to work all day and long into the
night, eat supper if there is time and do it all
over again the next day. And the next.'

On call twenty four seven.
So God made a Veteran.

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He needed somebody with arms strong enough
to carry Freedom on their back and yet gentle
enough to hold an enemy's child; someone who
is willing to serve their Nation without expecting
a reward upon their return; someone who will
stand straight and tall in the rage of war; someone
who looks fear in the face and does it anyway
even though it goes against everything they believe
in, even though it gives them nightmares for
years to come ... so God made a Veteran.

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God said, 'I need someone willing to sit up with
a wounded soldier, and watch him or her die,
then dry their eyes and say, 'No one left behind.'
I need somebody who will put others' needs
above their own, who carries on while their
family cries and prayers back home; someone
who gives 110 per cent of themselves even when
others protest and spit on them and call them
names.' So God made a Veteran.

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God had to have someone who will march until
they can march no more, and, with legs screaming
for relief, pushes on until their duty is done.
He needed someone who swore to protect the
Constitution against all enemies; who sweats,
who fights, who bleeds, who dies, believing in God,
country and Freedom, just because they feel it
is right. So God made a Veteran.

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And God saw that it was good, when He saw
 chests swell with pride and old eyes fill with tears,
when He heard the sons and daughters, mothers
and fathers, brothers and sisters of the Veteran say,
'I want to be just like you. Thank you.'

*And that's why
God made a Veteran.*

—Karla Dorman



In Loving Memory

Robert "Bob" Bahm

August 8, 1946 ~ June 16, 2026



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*Bob's Celebration of
Life Tribute video.*



Robert Leo "Bob" Bahm passed away on June 16, 2026, with his wife and daughter by his side.

Bob was born on August 8, 1946, to John and Lydia (Stoller) Bahm. He was raised on a ranch south of Almont, North Dakota, alongside his brother, Richard, and sisters, Kathleen and Mary Ann.

Growing up on the ranch, Bob loved the ranching life. He spent his days riding horse, working cattle, and putting up hay. He attended rural school in Grant County through the fifth grade until the school closed. He then attended Almont Public School. During those years, Bob and his sisters lived in a small trailer in Almont during the week while attending school.

Bob enjoyed fishing, trapping on the creek around town, and playing football and basketball with friends in Almont, where many lifelong friendships were formed. After high school, he worked alongside his father and brother on the ranch, breaking horses and helping his mother with chores. In 1966, Bob was drafted into the United States Army. He served one year in Vietnam and was honorably discharged in 1968. Upon returning home, he resumed ranching with his father and brother. Following his father's death in 1969, Bob and his brother continued ranching, raising horses, and working for other ranchers.

On August 23, 1974, Bob married Carlene Fern Nelson. In 1975, they moved to the Bahm ranch, where their daughter, Lana Marie, was born. Bob and Carlene continued ranching in the Heart River area until 1988, when they purchased Carlene's parents' farm. There they continued raising cattle and hay until 2017, when they sold the cows. Bob judged many rodeos and especially enjoyed watching Lana compete in high school and amateur rodeos. He often said that "Blondie" was his pride and joy from the day she was born until his last breath.

Bob enjoyed hunting, fishing, keeping his yard neat and clean, butchering, and making sausage. He was also an avid softball fan and rarely missed a game when his brother-in-law and nephews were playing. When Bob was blessed with grandchildren, Lydia Rose and Johnathan Victor, he cherished every stage of their lives, from infancy into adulthood. He was especially proud of Lana and her husband, Justin, and the way they raised Lydia and Johnathan.

Bob and Carlene worked side by side for nearly 52 years. In their younger years they loved dancing together, and in retirement they enjoyed gardening, camping, and spending evenings together with a cocktail and a few games of gin at the kitchen counter or on the patio.

Bob faced a six-month battle with pancreatic cancer with remarkable strength, toughness, and determination. May he now rest in peace.

Bob is survived by his wife of 51 years, Carlene Bahm; daughter and son-in-law, Lana and Justin Schmidt; grandchildren, Lydia Rose Schmidt and Johnathan Victor Schmidt; sister, Mary Carlson; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Diane and Ken Dillman; stepfather, Nick Weinberger; numerous nieces and nephews; many friends and neighbors; and his beloved dogs, Ozzie and Tippy.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, John and Lydia Bahm; sister and brother-in-law, Kathy and Joe Berzel; brother, Richard Bahm; brother-in-law, Dale Carlson; parents-in-law, Victor and Gladys (Thorson) Nelson; grandparents; aunts; uncles; and many cousins.

Funeral Service for **Robert "Bob" Bahm**

Visitation

Monday, June 22, 2026; 5 PM - 7 PM
Weigel Funeral Home, Mandan, ND

Memorial Service

Tuesday, June 23, 2026; 11:00 AM
First Lutheran Church, Mandan, ND
Officiant: Pastor Phil Leer

Urn Bearers

Lydia Schmidt
Johnathan Schmidt

Musicians

LaVonne Duppong
Lora Isakson

Readers

Sandy Buchholz Molly Deaver
Travis Dillman Johnathan Schmidt

Gathering and Welcome

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Processional Song

"Here I Am, Lord"

Invocation

Opening Prayer

Poem

"God Made A Veteran" (Molly)

Scripture Readings

Psalms 23 (Travis)
Psalms 121 (Sandy)
Romans 6:3-9 (Sandy)
Romans 8:31-39 (Sandy)
John 14:1-5 (Johnathan)

Special Music

"How Great Thou Art"

Sermon

Special Music

"Remember When" (Recorded by Alan Jackson)

Prayers of the Church

Response: Hear Our Prayer

Closing Announcements

Commendation

Recessional/Song

"Amazing Grace"

Committal Service

2:00 PM; North Dakota Veterans Cemetery
Mandan, North Dakota

The family invites you for food and fellowship in the church basement immediately following the funeral service.