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

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In Loving Memory Of

Robert 'Bob' Zinnel

December 14, 1938 - October 14, 2026

Robert "Bob" Lee Zinnel was born on December 14, 1938, to Melvin and Velma (Wehler) Zinnel in Worthington, Minnesota. He was baptized on January 15, 1939, at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Worthington, Minnesota, where he was later confirmed. Bob grew up on a farm in Nobles County, where his childhood was filled with memories of farming, visiting his Grandmother Wehler, watching her candle eggs, and enjoying Sunday dinners with his grandparents. He was an active member of 4-H, raising dairy calves and entering baked goods at the county fair. Bob also participated in Walther League and played catcher for both his church and 4-H softball teams. He played football at Brewster High School and graduated on May 22, 1957. Bob enlisted in the Army National Guard and was honorably discharged on June 30, 1963. On October 8, 1961, Bob married Sharon Beckman at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church. Together, they were blessed with three children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and 65 years of marriage. After their marriage, they lived briefly in Worthington, where Bob worked at the Cargill elevator. They then moved to Luverne, Minnesota, where they lived in a mobile home court. Bob worked as an assistant manager at Lampert Lumber for several years. During that time, he also worked part-time at the drive-in theater and on weekend nights at the VFW. Bob later had the opportunity to go into business for himself with Rock County Implement, selling Allis-Chalmers and other short-line farm equipment, as well as Ski-Doo snowmobiles. After selling the business, Bob joined Lathem Agency as an insurance adjuster and inspector. He later worked in real estate sales at Cragoe Realty until 2014, having retired from his primary career in 2001. Bob was an active member of the Rock County Fair Association for more than 50 years and served as president for eight years.

Bob was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne, where he taught Sunday School, participated in Men's Club, served as a trustee for 42 years, and sang in the choir. He was also a member of the Chamber of Commerce, Green Earth Players, where he participated in several plays, the Lions Club, and the Sno-Masters Snowmobile Club. He volunteered with hospice and served as a valet at Luverne Hospital. For 13 years, Bob was one of the Static Brothers, sharing his love of Statler Brothers music. He enjoyed walleye fishing, camping, playing pinochle and the Social Security marbles game, and having coffee with friends. One of the greatest joys of retirement was the many years he and Sharon spent traveling by motor home to Mesa, Arizona, during the winter months. While there, Bob enjoyed woodworking, playing softball, and making many new friends. During that time, Bob and Sharon also traveled to the Holy Land in Jordan, creating many happy memories together.

Bob and Sharon lived in several homes in Luverne before finally moving into their forever home in 2012. Bob entered the care of the Sanford Luverne Hospice Cottage, where he passed away peacefully on Wednesday, October 14, 2026, at the age of 87 years and ten months. He will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him. In Bob's own words: "I hope family and friends come to my service not because I died but because I lived. I have not done anything great or famous. I do like to be around people and kids, and I love to hold babies!"

Bob is lovingly remembered by his wife, Sharon Zinnel of Luverne, Minnesota; his children, Shelly (Merle) Savage of Rochester, Minnesota, Michael (Karen) Zinnel of Hills, Minnesota, and Denise Ernst of Luverne, Minnesota; his grandchildren, Sean (Megan) Savage, Ethan Savage, Aaron (Ashley Heald) Savage, Kjistren (Andromeda) Savage, Hailey (Ben) Nath, Kyla (Jack) Gemuenden, and Sara (Mitchell) Veld; and his great-grandchildren, Soren Savage, Calvin Savage, Amelia Savage, Owen Nath, Aubrey Nath, Jayden Nath, and Wolfe Gemuenden. Bob was preceded in death by his parents, Melvin and Velma Zinnel; his brothers, Johnny Zinnel, Ronald Zinnel, and Richard Zinnel; and his grandparents, John and Minnie Zinnel and Frieda Wehler.

In Loving Memory Of

Robert 'Bob' Zinnel

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Funeral Service
Tuesday, October 20, 2026 - 11:30 AM
St. John Lutheran Church - Luverne, Minnesota

Officiating - Rev. Dr. Phil Booe

Scripture

Psalm 23	Matthew 26:41
Psalm 121	Corinthians 13:4-7

Organist - Glenda Jacobsma

Congregational Hymns
"Amazing Grace: - Hymn 744
"How Great Thou Art" - Hymn 801

Special Music
"On Eagle's Wings" - sung by Merle Savage
"The Lord's Prayer" - as recorded by
Bill Weber & Sharon Zinnel

Honorary Casket Bearers

Jack Gemuenden	Megan Savage
Hailey Nath	Sara Veld
Kyla Gemuenden	Kjirsten Savage
Andromeda Savage	Ashley Heald

Casket Bearers

Sean Savage	Ethan Savage
Aaron Savage	Ben Nath
Mitchell Veld	Soren Savage

Interment
Memory Gardens - Worthington, Minnesota

Military Honors
Calvin-Knuth American Legion Post 5
Worthington, Minnesota