

Remembering the Life....

Willie Sauer died peacefully on Wednesday morning, November 5, 2025, at Park Gardens Senior Living in Fergus Falls, MN. He was born on July 12, 1934, to Mary and Joseph Sauer in Muskego Township, Renville County, rural Carpio, ND. He was raised on the family farm with his siblings and graduated from Carpio High School in 1952. He continued his education at NDSU until March 1957, when he joined the US Army. He was stationed in Fairbanks, AK, until his honorable discharge in December 1958. Upon returning home, he completed his education at Minot State University. On June 3, 1961, he was united in marriage to Margo (Jacobson). Together, Willie and Margo had four children. Willie had a long career in education. He was a teacher in Deering, ND for several years before becoming superintendent of the Carpio school district. While superintendent there, he earned his master's degree in education administration at NDSU. In 1974, Willie and Margo moved their family to Wahpeton, ND, when Willie took a job as principal of Wahpeton Elementary Schools, which he held for 19 years. Upon retirement from this position in 1993, he worked as the principal of the Indian School in Wahpeton, then served as principal of St. John's Catholic School in Wahpeton for six years.

Willie was a man of many hobbies and skills. He enjoyed photography, both recreationally and professionally as a wedding and aerial photographer. Aviation was a passion of Willie's; he was a flight instructor, teaching many people to fly, including his own son. He also sprayed crops and participated in air shows. Throughout his life, he logged thousands of flight hours. Willie enjoyed hunting and fishing, as well as gardening. He was known for being a jack of all trades. This allowed him to design and build his own home on Swan Lake near Fergus Falls, where he would eventually retire. Willie was above all a man of deep faith. He was a virtuous, loving, gracious, and patient man, who always placed God first in his life, followed by family, whom he loved dearly as his pride and joy. Through his work, faith, hobbies, and life, Willie touched thousands of lives.

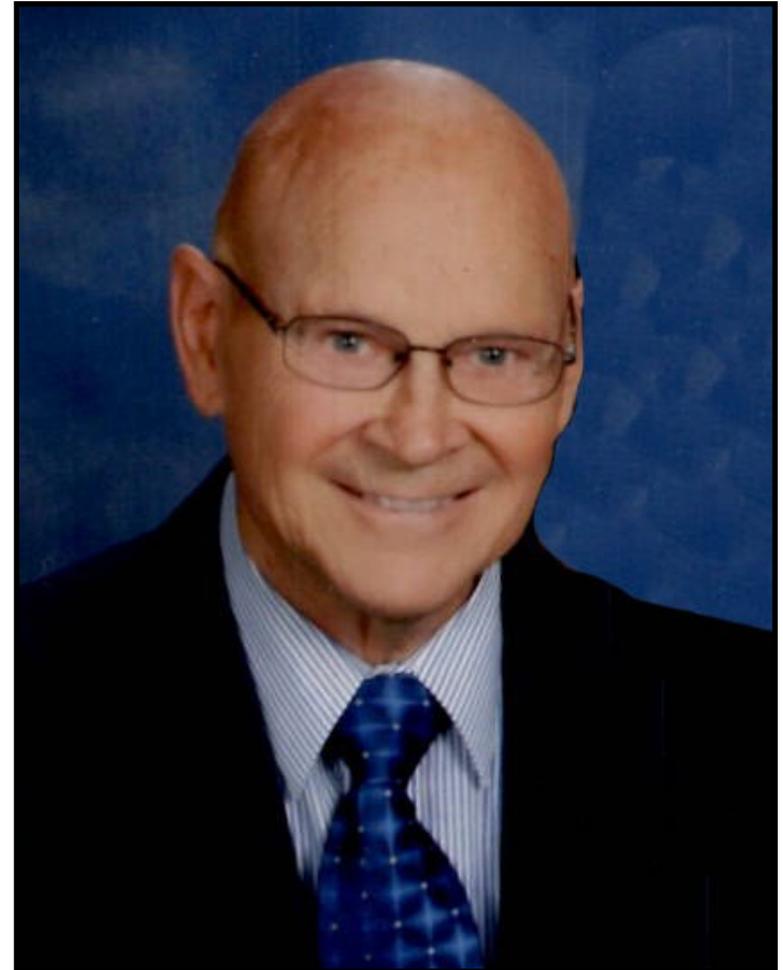
Willie was preceded in death by his wife, Margo; parents, Mary and Joseph; mother and father-in-law, Art and Vera Jacobson, siblings Harold, Kelly, Earl, Richard, and Lyle; his nephew Steven Sauer; niece, Stacey Miller; and sisters-in-law Sandy Sauer, Verna Sauer, and Jean Sauer, and a brother-in-law, Jack Knoll.

Willie is survived by his children: Mike Sauer (Kathy Sauer), Ann (Jay) Hill, Muffy (Mark) Meyer, Ellie (Bob) Kunz; grandchildren Brian (Erica) Sauer, Chuck (Veronica) Sauer, Jonathan Sauer, Ashley (Austin) Hamilton, Bethany (AJ) DeLange, Alex (Allison) Hill, Andrew Meyer, Phillip Meyer, William Meyer, Maddie Draeger (Alanna Allred), Mathiah Draeger, Isaiah Draeger (Paige Hickson), Eli Draeger, and Olivia Kunz; great-grandchildren George and Victoria Sauer, Parker and Elizabeth Sauer, Declan and Graham Hamilton, Caleb DeLange, Reese Hill, and Veira Draeger; his siblings Marge Knoll, Gerry (Greg) Stefanich, and Cathy (Bill) Gumeringer; sisters-in-law Pearl Sauer, Marilyn Sauer, and many nieces and nephews.

Blessed be the memory of Willie Sauer. We are so grateful to all those who were part of his life, and particularly those who cared for Willie at Park Gardens and Vivie Hospice. We kindly ask you to remember him in your prayers.

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Celebrating
the **Life** of



Willie Sauer

In Loving Memory Of
Wilfred “Willie” Sauer
July 12, 1934 - November 5, 2025

Magnificat
My soul glorifies the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior.
He looks on his servant in her nothingness;
henceforth all ages will call me blessed.
The Almighty works marvels for me.
Holy is his name!
His mercy is from age to age
on those who fear him.
He puts forth his arm in strength
and scatters the proudhearted.
He casts the mighty from their thrones
and raises the lowly.
He fills the starving with good things,
sends the rich away empty.
He protects Israel his servant,
remembering his mercy,
The mercy promised to our ancestors,
to Abraham and his children forever.



Appreciation
Willie's family is grateful for your attendance at this service.
Your many expressions of kindness and love are deeply
appreciated. Please join family and friends for lunch and
fellowship following the service.

Arrangements by
Glende-Nilson Funeral Home ~ Fergus Falls
www.GlendeNilson.com

Funeral Service

Monday, November 10, 2025 at 11:00 AM
Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church, Fergus Falls, Minnesota

Celebrant

Father Alan Wielinski

Concelebrants

Father Lucho ~ Father Schik ~ Father Anderl
Father Parks ~ Father Haman

Deacons

Deacon Dean Pawlowski ~ Deacon Chuck Kampa

Readers

Brian Sauer ~ Bethany DeLange

Servers

Andrew Meyer ~ Phillip Meyer

Music

Andrew Yaggie, organist

Mary Asfeld, soloist

Pie Jesu

Litany of the Saints

All Creatures of our God and King - 611

Shepherd Me, O God - 35

Ave Maria

Paris Angelicus

Song of Farewell

O God Beyond All Praising - 598

Casket Bearers

Brian ~ Charles ~ Jonathan ~ Ashley ~ Bethany ~ Alex ~ Andrew
Phillip ~ William ~ Madison ~ Mathiah ~ Isaiah ~ Elijah

Military Honors

Harold T. Swenson VFW Post 612 & American Legion Post 30