

Laurence L. Butenhoff was born on January 1, 1932, to Emma (Stock) and Ferdinand Butenhoff.

Laurence grew up on a farm near Baker, MN. He was the youngest of seven children. In October of 1952, he was drafted into the Army, serving in Korea, and was honorably discharged in October of 1954. On December 28, 1957, he married Beverly Johnk. He farmed with his brother, Arnold Butenhoff and then later with his two sons.

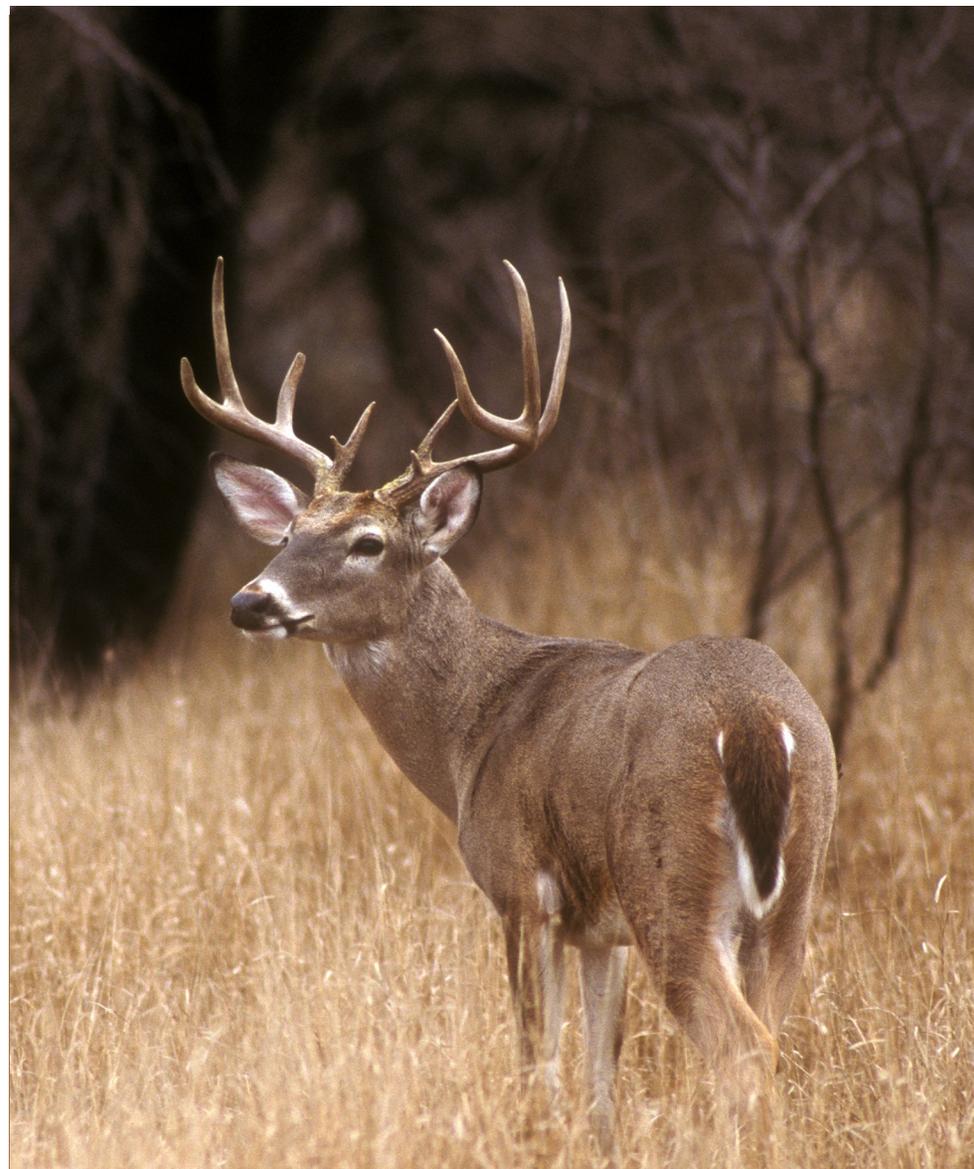
He enjoyed hunting and fishing, taking his family on camping trips, going on bus trips with friends and later traveling with family including his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Laurence was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church and then Our Saviors Lutheran Church and served on various committees. He served on the Alliance Township Board for about 25 years. He was a member of the American Legion and a lifetime member of the VFW, where he and Beverly attended many dances. He was also a member of local Rod and Gun Clubs and Dark House Fisherman's Club.

Laurence is survived by his wife, Beverly; children, Jerald (Diane) Butenhoff, Bonnie (Rod) Hubka, Douglas (Mary) Butenhoff, and Cynthia (Eric) Sundby; grandchildren, Wayne Syverson, Renee (Ryan) Gilsrud, Brett (Tabitha) Syverson, Derek (Jamie) Syverson, Andrea (Alex) Nelson, Melissa (Nate) Hubka, Ashley (Matthew) Everson, John (Rebecca) Butenhoff, and Brian Butenhoff; 15 great grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; four sisters, Matilda, Irene, Cecelia, and Avis; and two brothers, Arnold and Laverne.

He passed away in his home on Saturday, April 26, 2025 at the age of 93 years, 3 months, and 25 days. A special thank you to Sanford Home Health and Hospice of the Red River Valley for the excellent care they provided. May his memory be blessed.



*Celebrating the Life of*  
*Laurence L. Butenhoff*  
January 1, 1932 ~ April 26, 2025



*God took the strength of a mountain,  
The majesty of a tree,  
The warmth of a summer sun,  
The calm of a quiet sea,  
The generous soul of nature,  
The comforting arm of night,  
The wisdom of the ages,  
The power of the eagle's flight,  
The joy of a morning in spring,  
The faith of a mustard seed,  
The patience of eternity,  
The depth of a family need,  
Then God combined these qualities,  
When there was nothing more to add,  
He knew His masterpiece was complete,  
And so, He called it ... Dad*

### *Funeral Service*

Wednesday, April 30, 2025 ~ 11:00 AM

Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Barnesville, Minnesota

*Officiating* Rev. Ali Haugerud

*Organist* Sharlene Allen

*Special Music* Rebecca Butenhoff, soloist

"I'm Coming Home"

"What A Day That Will Be"

*Congregational Hymns*

"On Eagles Wings"

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

"Jesus Loves Me" (led by the Great Grandchildren)

### *Pallbearers*

Wayne Syverson Ryan Gilsrud Brett Syverson

Derek Syverson Alex Nelson Nate Smith

Matthew Everson John Butenhoff Brian Butenhoff

### *Honorary Pallbearers*

Renee Gilsrud Tabitha Syverson Jamie Syverson

Andrea Nelson Melissa Hubka Ashley Everson Rebecca Butenhoff

### *Military Honors*

Barnesville American Legion Post #153 & Barnesville VFW Post #4628

Minnesota National Guard Honor Squad

### *Final Resting Place*

Trinity Lutheran Cemetery, Sabin, Minnesota

*The family of Laurence Butenhoff thanks you for your presence here today and for your many acts of kindness. Following the Funeral Service please join the family for a time of lunch and fellowship.*

