

Funeral Service

2:00 p.m. Friday, January 16, 2026
Linden Mennonite Brethren Church

Processional

Welcome & Opening Remarks Pastor Kris Peters
Congregational Hymns *'The Old Rugged Cross' &
'Because He Lives'*

Eulogy Jim Bauer

Memories: The Grandchildren Carlie Sjostrom, Ian Sjostrom, Carmen
Smallman, Brooke Dickinson, Josh
Bauer, Jake Bauer

Video Tribute Josh & Jake Bauer
Scripture Reading: Luke 15:11-24 Hugh Sjostrom

Meditation Pastor Kris Peters
Congregational Hymn *'How Great Thou Art'*

Recessional

The family invites you to join them
for a fellowship lunch at Linden Mennonite Brethren Church.

Memorial donations may be made to
Westview Care Community & Acme Golf Club

Casket Bearers

Ian Sjostrom Dylan Wolf Joshua Bauer
Jacob Bauer Peyton Phillip Rob Smallman

Honourary Casket Bearers

Bob Bauer Ken Jones James Parsons Roy Dickinson
Tom Leong Robert Jopek Peter Snyder Liam Dickinson

Place of Rest

Acme Cemetery

William "Bill" Herbert Bauer

Bill Bauer passed away peacefully into the loving arms of his heavenly Father on January 8, 2026, surrounded by family. He was born to Jacob and Katherine Bauer, the youngest of a family of eight. His birth took place in a sod house near Burstall, SK. When he was a year and a half old, the family moved to another farm in the area with a wood-frame house.

He was always good at sports and loved playing baseball. Growing up in the "dirty thirties" they were so poor and had only one ball; they would have to sew it up when stitches came apart. The boys in the family were quite musical, and they would sit around in the kitchen and "jam". Their favorite song was "Twilight Time" by the Platters. The Bauer boys and some neighbor boys would play for dances in the district. As a young man, he worked at various jobs. Bill picked fruit for a couple of seasons at Oliver, BC; worked on a farm at Claresholm, AB; & delivered newspapers and magazines to stores in Calgary, AB. In 1951, he took a job with McDonald's Consolidated in Calgary, delivering produce and groceries around the city. Later, he was promoted to the position of receiver. While at McDonald's, he met his beloved Peggy. She was standing in her bare feet, packing tomatoes because the strap on her sandal had broken. He tried to sell her tickets for a draw, 3 for 25 cents, but she wouldn't buy any, so he bought them for her! He told his co-worker later, "That's the girl I'm going to marry".

Bill and Peggy were married on August 27, 1955. He didn't like living in the city, so he took a job with Alberta Pacific Grain Company as the agent at Delacour, AB. While there, their daughter Connie was born in October 1956. Two weeks later, the family moved to Gartley, north of Drumheller, AB, as Bill was hired as an agent there for the Alberta Wheat Pool. While there, Jim was born in Drumheller in 1959. Bill was a very proud father of his young family. You'd think he was the only one who had ever had kids!

Bill was transferred to Acme in August of 1960. He and Peggy were very happy with the move, as now they had running water and a natural gas furnace in their company house. In 1974, he left the Alberta Wheat Pool to manage the fuel and tire division of the Linden Co-op, later transferring to the lumber department. In 1982, he took on the position of custodian of the Acme School, a position he enjoyed very much, retiring in 1990.

Bill was very good at many sports and won plenty of trophies over the years in bowling, curling, and golf. He and Lorne Sagert, principal of Acme school, were 2 of the founding members of the Acme Golf Club and designed the original layout of the course. Bill and Lorne spent many hours walking the property and drawing potential hole placings and then measuring them out with a 100-foot tape. Bill served as the club's treasurer for the first 17 years. This past fall, Dad was so pleased to be included in the sod turning photo op for the new clubhouse, as he was the only surviving member of the original board. Carpentry was a special skill he had with no formal training. He built two comfortable homes for our family in Acme. Later, he and Peggy bought other houses and renovated them, and rented them out. He also did numerous projects for his family and friends, helping them build decks, replace windows, etc.

One night back in the 70s, Mum was listening to the Lawrence Welk Show, and they played "When it's 3 O'clock in the Morning". Peggy got the bright idea that it would be so romantic to get up and dance at 3:00 a.m., so she set the alarm on an old, tinny-sounding Big Ben clock. Unbeknownst to dad, and while they were sound asleep, Big Ben went off in due time! Dad jumped up in bed and yelled, "what the hell is that"? Mum thought it sounded like a freight train going through the house! Apparently, then she nonchalantly said, "oh it's just the alarm, dear". There was no dancing that night, and she never tried it again!