

William “Bill” Carl Sharkey was born on November 14th, 1933, to Harland and Viola (Reimstad) Sharkey in Normania Township, Yellow Medicine County, Minnesota. He was born and baptized at his home.

Bill went to District 62 School near Lynd, Minnesota through the 8th grade. He rode his “doodlebug” (a little scooter) to the one room schoolhouse. His least favorite subject was spelling. He didn’t participate in sports in high school because he said he had two left feet! He also played hooky from school every once in a while! He finished high school at Hanley Falls, graduating in 1951. He worked hard on his father’s land as a young boy.

After his graduation he enlisted in the Army and was stationed at Fort Louis, Washington where he served as a specialist 2nd class. Wanda joined Bill in Washington and the two were married on April 21st, 1956, in Burien, Washington. In 2016 Bill took a trip to Washington with the main goal of finding the church he and Wanda were married in...and he found it! He was all smiles!

After Bill’s honorable discharge, he and Wanda lived in rural Hanley Falls for most of their lives. Bill farmed, raised hogs, and worked part-time as a plumber. His favorite dog was named “Big Boy.” He was born to be a farmer! Later in his life, he and Wanda moved to Hanley Falls where Bill was a full-time plumber. Bill and Wanda had three children: Tommy, Billy, and Jill. Wanda passed away in 1986, but Bill was very thankful to have his children and grandchildren live near him.

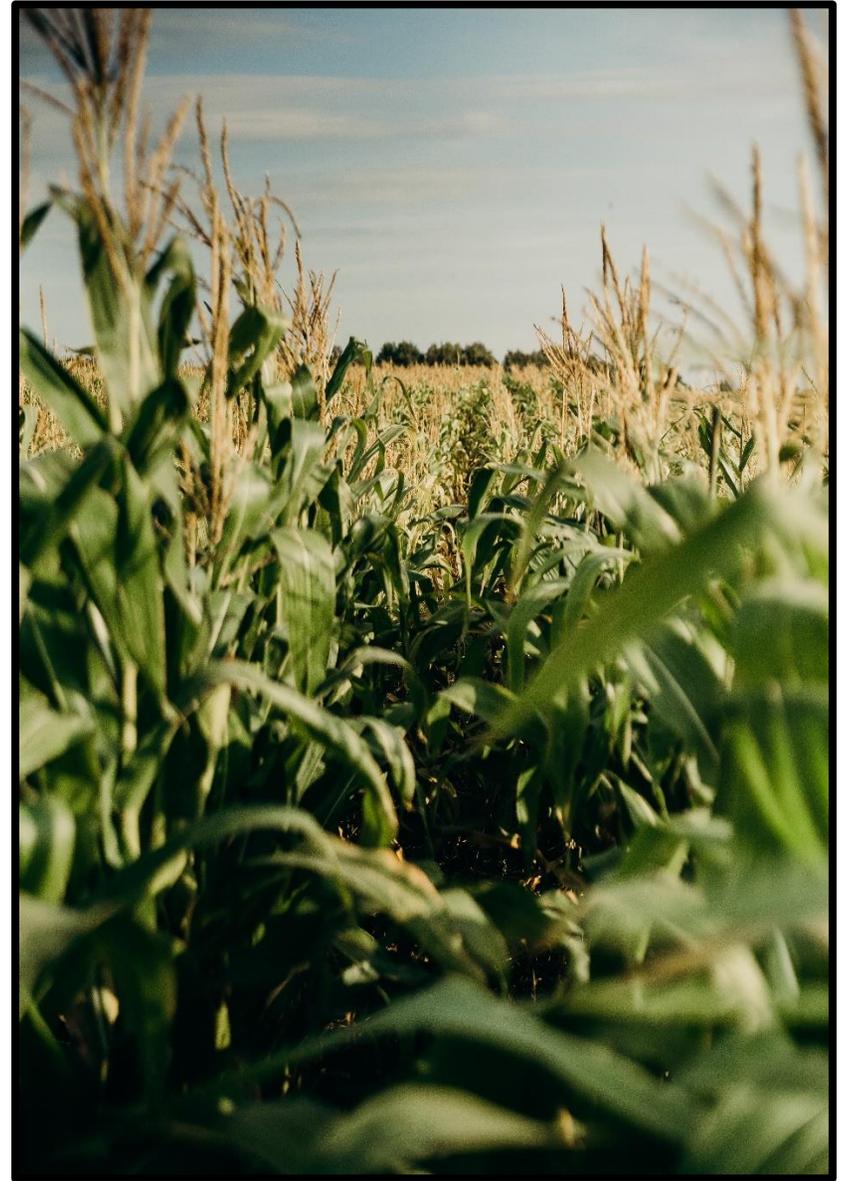
Bill was a member of the Yellow Medicine Lutheran Church, Hanley Falls Legion, and was on the Yellow Medicine Lutheran Church Cemetery Board. He enjoyed bowling in his earlier years and will be remembered by children at Halloween for giving out full size candy bars! Morning coffee and an afternoon of cards was always the highlight of his day!

Bill passed away on Monday, October 30th, 2023, at the age of 89 years, 11 months, and 16 days. He was preceded in death by his wife, Wanda; parents, Harland and Viola Sharkey; stepmother, Edna Sharkey; grandson, Joey Fry; infant son, Tommy, and brother, Harold.

He is survived by his son, Billy (Sandy) and daughter, Jill (Steve) Fry all of Hanley Falls; grandchildren, Steve (Katie) Fry, Tanya (Bruce) Lundin, Carl (Megan) Sharkey, Brandon Fry, and Steph Fry; great-grandchildren, Hannah, Hunter, and Hayden Fry, Sutton and Finnley McCoss, Brynn and Tessa Lundin, and Jaxon, Cora, and Lakyn Sharkey, and many other family members and more wonderful and caring friends than can be counted.

Bill will be remembered not only for his roles as a loving husband, father, and grandfather, but also as a loyal friend and for his amazing and unforgettable laugh! Blessed be his memory.

In Loving Memory



William “Bill” Sharkey

1933 ~ 2023

For This One Farmer...

*For this one farmer the worries are over,
Lie down and rest your head,
Your time has been and struggles enough,
Put the tractor in the shed.*

*Years were not easy,
Many downright hard,
But your faith in God transcended,
Put away your tools and sleep in peace.
The fences have all been mended.*

*You raised a fine family,
Worked the land well,
And always followed the Son,
Hang up your shovel inside of the barn;
Your work here on earth is done.*

We wish to thank everyone for their calls, messages, presence, and support in helping us navigate through our loss. Please accept our sincere thanks and gratitude in lieu of a thank you card. The kind sentiments and gestures will not be forgotten.

~The Family of William C. Sharkey

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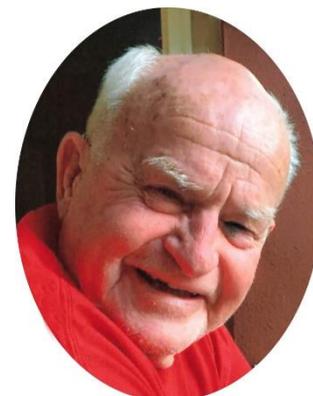
Funeral Service

Yellow Medicine Lutheran Church

Hanley Falls, MN

Friday, November 3rd, 2023

10:30 AM



Officiant

Pastor Joyce Capp

Organist

Colleen Hewitt

Soloist

Elmo Volstad—“*Just a Closer Walk with Thee*”

Special Readings

Stephie Fry & Tanya Lundin

Casketbearers

Stevie Fry

Bruce Lundin

Brandon Fry

Kevin Sharkey

Carl Sharkey

Honorary Casketbearers

Tanya Lundin

Stephie Fry

Megan Sharkey

Katie Fry

Special Casketbearer

Grandson Joey Fry

Interment

East Yellow Medicine Lutheran Cemetery

Rural Hanley Falls, MN

