

God called your name so gently  
That only you could hear,  
No one heard the footsteps  
Of the Angel drawing near.  
Softly from the shadows  
There came a gentle call,  
You closed your eyes and went to sleep  
And quietly left us all.

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IN LOVING  
*Memory*



Thelmer "Bud" Eernisse

August 2, 1935 - April 20, 2025

**Thelmer "Bud" Carol Eernisse** was born on August 2, 1935 to Henry and Hattie (Renskers) Eernisse in Timber Lake, South Dakota. At a young age, Bud's dad passed away and he stepped up for his family. Early on in his childhood, he moved with his family to Chandler, Minnesota and attended school and graduated high school in Chandler. While going to school, he enjoyed playing baseball. On April 26, 1958, he was married to Marlyn Westenberg at the American Reformed Church in Luverne, Minnesota. Following their marriage, they resided in Luverne where he was employed as a lineman for Bell Telephone Company. Together the couple welcomed three sons, Todd, Kent and Lyle and celebrated 58 years of marriage together. The couple moved to Pipestone, Minnesota and he continued working for Bell Telephone Company. On June 29, 2016, Marlyn preceded him in death. After her death, he continued living in Pipestone. He entered the Pipestone County Hospice House on Good Friday, April 18, 2025 and passed away peacefully on Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025 at the age of 89 years, eight months and 18 days.

Bud was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Pipestone where he served as an elder and greeter and worked the sound system. He was also a member of the Hiawatha Club where he ran sound and assisted with the Pipestone County Fair sound systems. In his later years, he volunteered at the Pipestone County Medical Center as a greeter. He enjoyed puzzles, cards and board games, he was always bringing them out at family gatherings. He loved golfing up until his last few years and every Easter break, he would get in a car with Alex and Todd and they would drive until it was warm enough out to golf. They never had a destination in mind. He also loved fishing with Kent and his enjoyed many summers at the resort on a lake in Park Rapids, Minnesota.

He is lovingly remembered by his sons, Todd (Donna) Eernisse of Fort Walton Beach, Florida, Kent Eernisse and Lyle Eernisse, both of Shoreview, Minnesota; two grandchildren, Devin Eernisse of Huntsville, Alabama and Alex (Leah Black) Eernisse of St. Louis Park, Minnesota; one brother, Harlan Eernisse of Burnsville, Minnesota; one brother-in-law, Ken (Joy) Westenberg of Coon Rapids, Minnesota; and special friend, Jan Huebner of Pipestone. He was preceded in death by his wife, Marlyn Eernisse; one sister, Grace Schelhaas; and one brother, James Eernisse.

*In Loving Memory of*  
**Thelmer "Bud" Eernisse**



**Funeral Service**

Thursday, April 24, 2025 - 10:00 AM  
First Presbyterian Church - Pipestone, Minnesota

**Officiating** - Pastor Velda Maine

**Scriptures**

Psalms 23      John 14:1-7

**Organist** - Steve Weets

**Soloist** - Kevin Paulsen *"On Eagle's Wings"*

**Congregational Hymns**

"Rock of Ages" - Insert

"Take Me Out to the Ball Game" - Insert

"Amazing Grace" - Hymn 280

**Casket Bearers**

Alex Eernisse	Devin Eernisse
Leah Black	Joel Kempema
Rick Wallin	Dawson Vander Top

**Interment**

New Woodlawn Cemetery  
Pipestone, Minnesota