

# Kenneth Alfred Barnhart

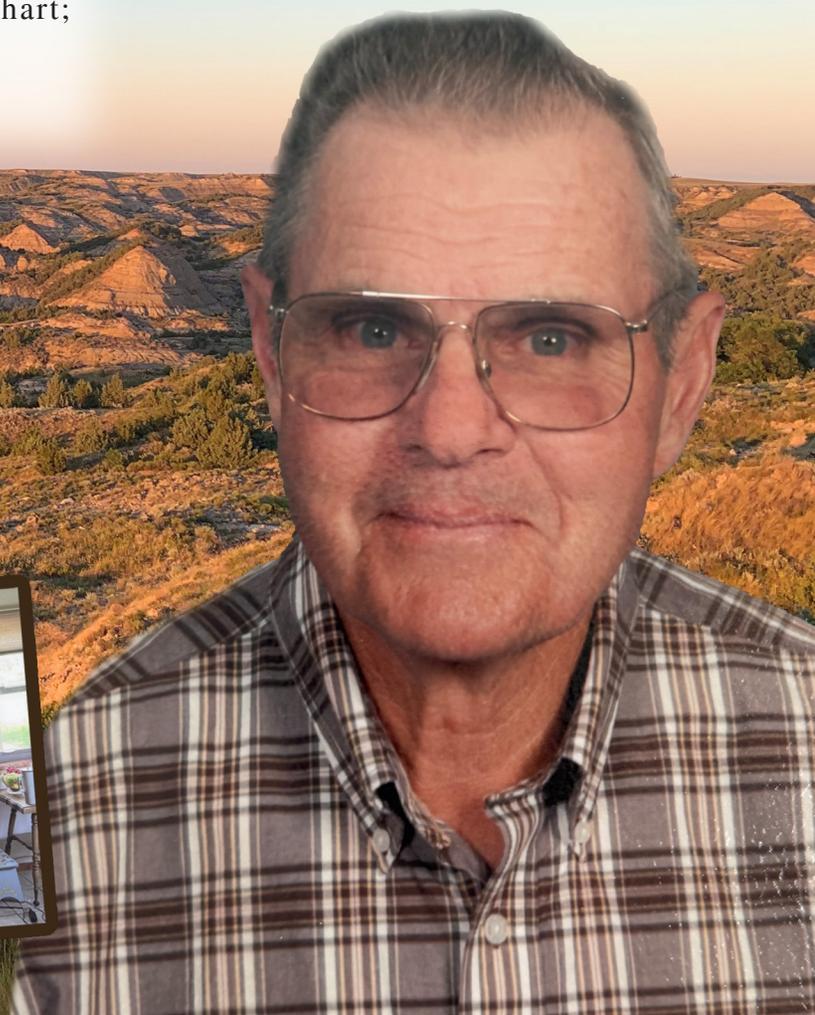
was born in Belfield on August 10, 1941, the son of Ralph and Florence (Knudtson) Barnhart. Ken acquired the nickname “Bunky” in his early years. He grew up in the Fryburg area, graduating from Fryburg High School in 1959. Following graduation, he was enlisted with the US Army. Ken worked at the Medora Musicals before he left for his military assignment. After his honorable discharge, he returned to Belfield where he met his lifetime best friend, Leona Hecker. The couple was married in Dickinson at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church on October 24, 1964. Ken and Leona were blessed with two children, Troy and Lisa. He worked in Belfield in the oilfield, on oil rigs & Amerada-Hess, until the family moved to Bowman in 1976. Ken was a production foreman with Luff Exploration for the next 30+ years. After his retirement, Ken and Leona moved back to Dickinson where they are currently living. Ken enjoyed golfing and hunting, especially elk hunting trips. He loved old tractors and watching the Denver Broncos. Ken was a member of the Elks. He was very close with his siblings and made sure to stay in touch. He was always a helping hand to anyone who needed him and his family was blessed to have him always checking in on them. Friends and employees have all expressed what good man he was. His kind and giving heart will be missed. Ken is survived by his wife of 61 yrs., Leona;

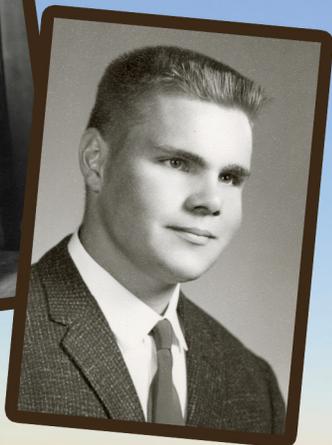
son, Troy (Tina) Barnhart; daughter, Lisa (Brett) Buican; grandchildren, Kyler and Keiana Buican, and Cheyden Paulson; step-granddaughters, Heather and Amber; step-greatgrandchildren, Liam, Serenity, Sebastian and Sawyer; brother, Faron (Kiddo) Barnhart; sisters, Blanche Barnhart, Shirley (Chuck) Irons, Janice Okpanachi (Isaac), Beverly Turbiville (Walter); Brother-in-law Edwin Hecker (Eva), Sister-in-law Sister Laura Hecker; numerous nieces, nephews and extended family. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ralph and Florence; brothers, Andrew and Sheridan Barnhart; granddaughter, Zoey Paulson.

# Forever in our Hearts

# Kenneth Barnhart

August 10, 1941 - November 30, 2025





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## FUNERAL SERVICE

Monday, December 8, 2025 1:00 pm  
St. Johns Lutheran Church  
Dickinson, North Dakota

## PRAYER SERVICE

Sunday, December 7, 2025 4:00 pm  
Stevenson Funeral Home  
Dickinson, North Dakota

## OFFICIATING

Pastor Lisa Lewton & Pastor Marry Wiggins

## MUSIC

Old Rugged Cross - Cheyden & Beni Paulson  
Organist - Barb Arneson

## MILITARY RITES

American Legion Post #3 Honor Guard

## READERS

Troy & Tina Barnhart

## PALLBEARERS

Sebastian Clapper      Cheyden Paulson  
Kyler Buican              Keiana Buican

## INTERMENT

Belfield Lutheran Cemetery  
Belfield, North Dakota  
At a later date.

## ARRANGEMENTS BY

Stevenson Funeral Home  
Dickinson, North Dakota

*Refreshments will be served at the church  
following the military honors.  
Everyone is welcome.*

When I am gone, release me, let me go...

I have so many things to see and do.

You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears.

Be happy that we had so many years.

I gave you my love. You can only guess

How much you gave me in happiness.

I thank you for the love you each have shown.

But now it's time I traveled on alone.

So grieve awhile for me, if grieve you must.

Then let your grief be comforted by trust.

It's only for awhile that we must part.

So bless the memories that lie within your heart.

I won't be far away, for life goes on.

So if you need me, call and I will come.

Though you can't see me or touch me, I'll be near.

And if you listen with your heart, you will hear

me calling soft and clear.

