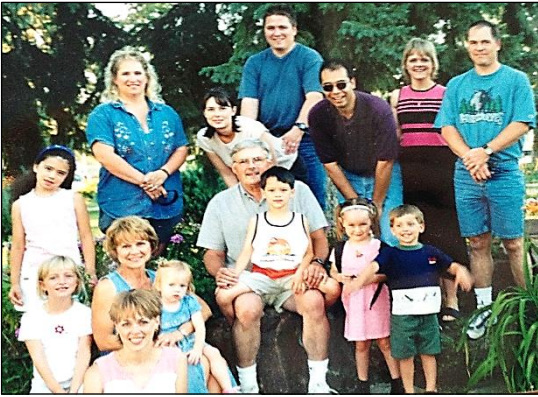
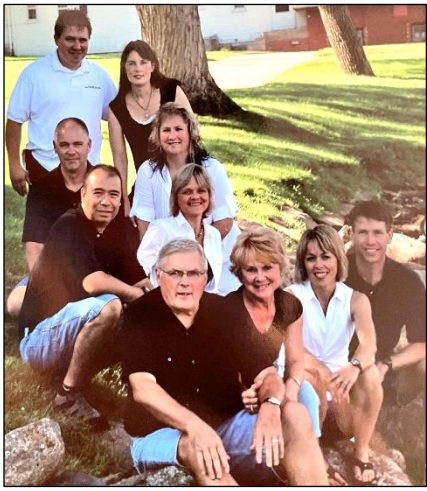


# *In Loving Memory*



*Benjamin Strombeck*

*1941 ~ 2022*

It would be impossible to list all of Ben's accomplishments and the people that were special in his life. He was truly one of a kind, Salt of the Earth, and we are all better for having known him. His memory and love will continue to live through all of us.

In Loving Memory  
Benjamin "Ben" Strombeck  
1941 ~ 2022

Prayer Service  
7:00 p.m.  
Thursday, April 21, 2022  
Emmaus Lutheran Church  
Tripp, South Dakota

Funeral  
10:30 a.m.  
Friday, April 22, 2022  
Emmaus Lutheran Church  
Tripp, South Dakota

Clergy  
Rev. Brian Lemcke

Music  
Delilah Hahn ~ organist

Congregational Hymns  
*How Great Thou Art*  
*God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It*  
*I'm But a Stranger Here*

Pallbearers  
Vince Visaya, Cody Visaya, Paul Visaya, Brady Strombeck,  
Kevin Chambless, Tekoa Strombeck & Asher Strombeck

Interment  
Grace Hill Cemetery  
Tripp, South Dakota

Benjamin "Ben" Paul Strombeck, 80, of Tripp, SD, entered his heavenly home surrounded by his loving family on Saturday, April 16, 2022 due to surgery complications following a decades-long battle with cancer.

Ben was born on August 28, 1941 to Paul and Adeline (Frerichs) Strombeck in Mitchell. He was raised in Mount Vernon alongside his older sister Donadee and younger brother Jim. Ben's father drove a Mobil Oil Truck, which is what sparked his love for collecting toy cars and trucks to keep his dad's memory.

Paul and Adeline raised Ben to be a faithful servant of the Lord. He was baptized on October 15, 1941 and confirmed on May 15, 1955 at Salem Lutheran Church. As an adult, he taught Junior Sunday school and served as an Elder at Emmaus Lutheran Church. When his grandkids were in town, he would let them take turns helping him ring the church bell on Sunday mornings. Ben carried his faith throughout his life and truly personified what it means to "live like Christ." He was the most selfless and giving man, who would help anyone in need without a second thought.

While at Mount Vernon High School, Ben met his high school sweetheart, Irmgard Rose (Schumacher) Strombeck at the age of 15. They quickly fell in love and would spend their time driving around town and going to drive-in movies. On June 24, 1962, they were married at Zion Lutheran Church in Mitchell. They went on to have four children: Barry, Pam, Marnie and Colin. As a husband and father, Ben was patient, wise and humorous. He taught them to read, how to listen and how to be a good friend. Ben made sure they knew that as long as they were truthful, he would never be mad at them. Family meant everything to Ben and he lovingly built the home that would see them raise their children and host their grandchildren and friends for many decades.

After graduating from Mount Vernon High School in 1959, Ben went on to study Industrial Arts at SSTC in Springfield. Early on, he found that his true passion lay within teaching and mentoring high school students. This led to a fulfilling career as a beloved teacher and coach at Tripp High School. Ben was an educator at heart. He was truthful, kind and always had time to answer a question or solve a problem, no matter how small. But Ben's influence went way beyond teaching and coaching; he was a true mentor and a guide in life for kids at such an impressionable age, always teaching the value of integrity. Many have said he was like a second father or the father they never had.

After a long and fulfilling career of over 38 years, Ben retired and spent his time fishing, hunting, woodworking, helping people around town, and spending time with his friends and family. Fishing and hunting were lifelong passions of Ben's. He found peace spending time in nature and shared this joy with many friends and family. Ben was a gifted craftsman and woodworker. He spent nearly his whole life helping people with projects and working in his woodshop, always making sure his work was quality. He lived his life by the principle of "do something right or don't bother doing it at all." One of his famous shop quotes was "measure twice, cut once."

One of the greatest joys in Ben's life was being a grandfather to his nine grandchildren. Visits to Tripp always included tractor rides in the yard, riding in his red pickup truck, fishing, roasting marshmallows in the chimney and of course his famous hot fudge sundaes. Ben had a natural ability for making each grandchild feel like they were the most special person in the world.

Ben was predeceased by his beloved parents (Paul and Adeline Strombeck), sister and brother-in law (Donadee and Dean Nicholson), and sisters-in-law (Judy Hohn, Freida Fenster, Gloria Schumacher, and Alice Schumacher).

Ben is survived by the love of his life, Irm Strombeck, wife of 59 years, 10 months; his four children: Barry (Cheri) Strombeck of Farmington, MN, Pam (Paul) Visaya of Maple Valley, WA, Marnie (Kevin) Chambless of Denver, CO and Colin (Alicen) Strombeck of Bridgewater, SD; nine grandchildren: Courtney & Cody Visaya; Brittany (fiancé Leaf) & Brady (fiancé Samii) Strombeck, Haley & Annie Chambless and Asher, Tekoa & Maizey Strombeck; and countless other friends and family that he positively impacted throughout his life.

# Floral Tributes



*Francis & Karen; Chad, Ashton  
& Abbie Bietz; Brandon, Jenna,  
Tysen, Westyn and Kasyn Auch*



*Marianne Olson*



*Jim & Sharon Haar  
Bob & Janet Just*



*Tripp-Delmont Class of 2004*



*Clark, Shelly & family*



*Tom & Amey Schatz & family*

# Floral Tributes



*LeRoy, Mary, Darwyn,  
Jan, Alyssa, Trey & Maris*



*Your Avera Family (for Courtney Visaya)*



*Tripp-Delmont School Family*



*Deb & George*



*Mark & Amy Olsen and family*



*Doris & Vince Visaya  
John Schumacher*

# Floral Tributes



*Ernest, Betty, Jolene, Steve,  
Matt Hieb and families*



*Jim Strombeck and families*



*Board and Staff  
at Tripp Farmers Lumber*



*Traci (Hansen) Thompson & family*



*Class of 1977*



*TJHS Class of 1998*



*Victor & Kay Olson*



*Mary & John*

# Floral Tributes



*Class of '89*



*The Board of Directors and Management  
of Enumclaw Insurance Company*



*Class of '89*



*The Schumacher Nieces and Nephews*