



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Robert "Bob" Joseph Buhl

WHO WAS BORN
October 7, 1927
Graceville, Minnesota

AND CALLED TO HIS ETERNAL HOME
April 30, 2023
Graceville, Minnesota

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL
Monday, May 8, 2023 - 11:00 a.m.
Holy Rosary Catholic Church
Graceville, Minnesota

CELEBRANT
Father Brian Oestreich

MUSICIANS
Deb Needham, Organist
John & Shirley Tritz, Vocalists

LECTOR
Matthew Arens

CASKET BEARERS
Robert's Grandchildren:
Robert Buhl III | Nathan Arens | Jon Arens
Chad Arens | Paul Arens | Laurie Wulff | Danielle McLain

HONORARY BEARERS
Robert's Grandchildren:
Jacob Buhl | Genevieve Buhl | James Buhl
All of Robert's Great-Grandchildren

INTERMENT
Graceville Consolidated Cemetery
Graceville, Minnesota

APPRECIATION
Robert's family is grateful for your attendance at this service.
Your many expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated. Following the interment, please join the family for food and fellowship in the Holy Rosary Parish Center.

Mundwiler and Larson Funeral Home - Graceville, Minnesota

I farmed the land,
I tramped the wood,
These are the things I understood.

No grand schemes, they passed me by.
I knew the brook, the hills, the sky.

To hunt a bird, to wet a line,
Gifts from God, so good and fine.

Friend and kin, I LOVED THEM SO;
Although I'm gone, I'm sure they know,

I'm now at peace, life's battle done,
I've faced the foe and *I have won.*

- By: Earl Smithson

Robert Joseph Buhl was the only child born to Joseph and Louise (Weick) Buhl on October 7, 1927, in Graceville, MN. He grew up on the family farm, two miles west of Graceville and graduated from St. Mary's Academy in 1946.

On January 8, 1948, Bob was united in marriage with Delores Lesmeister and they were blessed with three adopted children to form their family: Mary Lynn in 1954, Robert Jr. in 1955, and Joseph "Joe" in 1959.

Bob was known for working hard and playing hard. He had his own threshing crew at the age of 16. Playing hard consisted of hunting, trapping, and fishing. When he was 16, Bob bought his mother a set of 12 crystal goblets for Christmas with his trapping money. They remain an unbroken family treasure. Bob hunted almost anything that flew or moved. His many hunting adventures took him to South Dakota, Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, and British Columbia. Bob had elk, moose, and many deer horn mountings. He hunted deer and some bear in northern Minnesota for many years. All the meat taken was always processed at the farm with professional equipment. Bob was most proud of taking a bear with a bow.

Fishing trips took him and many members of his family to what was always an annual trip to Cranberry Portage, Manitoba, as soon as the ice melted in the spring, though ice was often broken through to reach Ashdown's Camp: a 45-mile journey by water. Kodiak and Raspberry Island, AK, were also destinations for several years. Cabins on Big Stone, West Battle, and Ottertail lakes were summer weekend destinations for fishing for 40 years. Bob fished year-round and many people enjoyed the bounty of his catches! Many fish were given to the "Poor Claire Sisters" as they do not eat meat.

Bob maintained an apple orchard on the farm and after retiring and moving to town in 1992, he continued to have many gardens, wherever he could find bare ground. He began planning, ordering seeds, and starting them indoors very early in the season. There was plenty for others to enjoy the fruits of his labor. Farming was important to Bob all of his life. The Buhl Farm obtained a Centennial Farm Recognition in 1997.

Bob and Delores spent a few winters in Apache Junction, AZ, where he enjoyed walking and going to the flea markets. Going south ended when Bob came down with Guillain Barre Syndrome in the winter of 1996. Bob was a life-long member of Holy Rosary Catholic Parish, as was his father and grandfather before him. Holy Rosary was a fitting church for Bob, as he was born on the Feast of the Holy Rosary.

Surviving Bob are his daughter, Mary (Bruce) Berg; sons: Robert Buhl, Jr., and Joe Buhl; daughter-in-law, Joyce Buhl; grandchildren: Nathan (Emily) Arens, Jon (Chris) Arens, Chad Arens, Paul (Heather) Arens, Laurie Wulff, Robert (Lynae) Buhl, III, Danielle (Joe) McLain, Jacob, Genevieve, and James Buhl; 16 great-grandchildren: Matthew, Megan, Micah, Mason, Sean, Leah, Addyson, Tucker, Emma, Logan, Levi, Brayden, Brody, Baylee, Kayden, Parker; one great-grandson due in September of 2023; and step great-granddaughter, Lilly Mankie.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Delores; parents, Joe and Louise Buhl; grandparents, John and Mary Buhl; and son-in-law, Kenneth Arens.

How Great Thou Art!

*When Christ shall come
with shout of acclamation*

*And take me home,
what joy shall fill my heart!*

Then I shall bow in humble adoration

And there proclaim:

"My God, how great Thou art!"

*Then sings my soul,
my Savior God, to thee,*

How great Thou art!

How great Thou art!