

Philip Robert Wendt, 74, of Detroit Lakes went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, October 20, 2021 from complications due to Covid. His daughters were by his side.

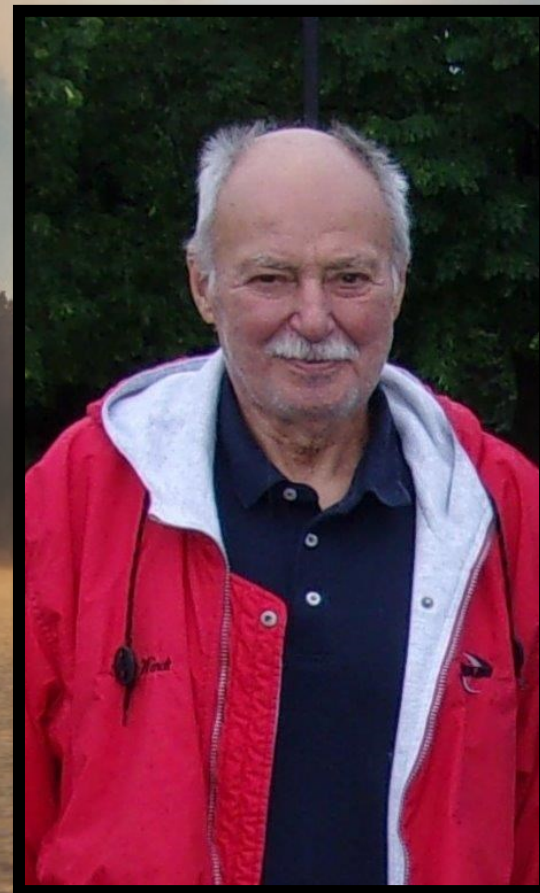
Philip was born February 1, 1947 to Herbert J.W. and Dorothy Ione (Carter) Wendt. He was one of eight children; two brothers and five sisters. Phil grew up on the family farm in rural Frazee and graduated from Frazee High School. During his first marriage to Kathi, he was blessed with three daughters that he will forever hold their hearts in his hand. In 1985, he married Bonnie Jonas and gained a stepdaughter that he loved as his own.

In earlier years Phil enjoyed his employment in auto body repair. He also worked for Swift-Eckrich Turkey Plant, Land O' Lakes in Perham, and Team Industries where he was endearingly known as 'Callaway Phil'. After he retired, he took a part-time job at WalMart to continue being sociable.

Phil was an outdoorsman who loved to go deer hunting, ice fishing and splitting firewood. One of his favorite things to do was socialize, and anyone he met was immediately considered a friend. Spending time with his children and grandchildren was very important to him, and used every opportunity to share stories of his life and learn of theirs. Being with family brought the happiest times in his life. He cherished family reunions, holidays, and any time everyone gathered together.

Phil is survived by his wife Bonnie; his children Robyn Engel, Terri (Ryan) Eckhoff, Stacie (John) Eickhoff, and stepdaughter Sara (Wayne) Leitheiser; his grandchildren Christian, Dylan, Tiffany, Loren, Carter, and Ben; his step-grandchildren Alysa (Corey), Justin, Megan, Danielle (Alex), Jordan; his great-grandchildren Thomas and Robert; and step-great grandchildren Rayne, Jayden, Asher, Paisley & Logan and Hallie; His brothers and sisters Susan (Dennis) Stai, Janie (Mike) Hulett, Sally (Dennis) Jepson, Paul (Carla) Wendt, Danny (Sande) Wendt, Holly (Bobby) Skillings; his Brother-in-law Steven (Kay) Frenzel, and sister-in-law Bev Palmer; his special Uncle Dewayne, numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents (Herbert & Dorothy); one sister (Jill); his Mother-in-law (Ruby); and his best friend Dave.

# In Loving Memory of Philip Robert Wendt



**February 1, 1947 — October 20, 2021**

*God saw he was getting tired,  
And a cure was not to be.  
So he put his arms around him  
And whispered "Come with me."  
In tears we watched him suffer  
And saw him fade away.  
Although we loved him dearly,  
We could not make him stay.  
A tender heart stopped beating  
Hard-working hands now rest.  
God broke our hearts to prove to us  
He only takes the best.*

# Philip R. Wendt

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## Entered into life

February 1, 1947  
Detroit Lakes, MN

## Entered into rest

October 20, 2021  
Detroit Lakes, MN

## Visitation

Friday, October 29, 2021-5-7 PM  
Prayer Service- 6:30 PM  
David-Donhower Funeral Home  
Detroit Lakes, Minnesota

## Service

Saturday, October 30, 2021- 1 PM  
St. John's Lutheran Height of Land  
Frazee, Minnesota  
Bill Knaack - *Officiant*

## Special Music

*"Beautiful Savior"*

*"I know that my redeemer lives"*

*"Amazing grace"*

Carolyn Wenger- *Organist*

## Pallbearers

Christian Engel, Dylan Wendt, Tiffany Butler, Loren Eickhoff, Carter Eickhoff, Ben Eickhoff, Alysa Thompson, Megan Washek, Jordan Washek, Justin Leitheiser, Danielle Beilke

## Honorary Pallbearers

Thomas Moorhouse, Robert Moorhouse, Rayne Thompson, Jayden Thompson, Asher Thompson, Paisley Thompson, and Logan Thompson;  
Hallie Cossette

